

November 5, 1953

Mr. Allen Willard
Director
National Americanism Commission
The American Legion -
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Mr. Willard:

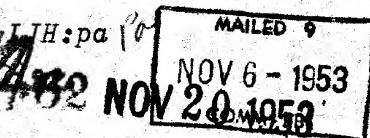
In accordance with your previous request to Inspector L. R. Pennington to be furnished copies of some of our publications on Communism for possible distribution in State Conventions of The American Legion, I am forwarding under separate cover a supply of reprints of my recent article entitled "Breaking The Communist Spell."

We are indeed happy to have the opportunity to assist you in this regard.

Sincerely yours,

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cc - Mr. Pennington, Room 1036
cc - Mr. M. A. Jones
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1500 copies of the Director's statement
"Breaking The Communist Spell"
Reprinted from This Week Magazine, November 1, 1953.

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NOTE: In May, 1953, Willard asked Inspector L. R. Pennington to furnish him some material on Communism for distribution at future American Legion State Conventions. On May 25, 1953, we sent Willard a supply of nine FBI publications regarding Communism for this purpose. (94-1-3595-53) Mr. Pennington requested sending the publication "Breaking the Communist Spell."

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Mr. Lee R. Pennington, Director
National Americanism Commission
The American Legion
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Lee:

I wanted to let you know that your letter of December 1, 1953, addressed to Mr. Ladd, and the material on the Distributive, Processing and Office Workers of America have been received.

It was thoughtful of you to make this material available to us.

Sincerely yours,

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NOTE: The material enclosed has been retained in the Internal Security Section for appropriate review. On preliminary examination the material appears to consist merely of a resume of newspaper clippings.

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NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

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Mr. D. M. Ladd
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Micky:

I am enclosing herewith "A Short History of Distributive, Processing and Office Workers of America and District 65". I understand this was prepared by Ralph Brown, who is now with J. C. Penney Company, Inc., in New York City.

I thought some of the boys might care to review it and determine whether there is any constructive criticism in the material contained in this Summary.

Sincerely,

Lee

LEE R. PENNINGTON, Director
National Americanism Commission

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**THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION**

OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

1608 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

November 24, 1953

MEMORANDUM TO: The Director

A very serious controversy is going on here in Indianapolis between the American Civil Liberties Union, which established a chapter several days ago, and the Department of Indiana of The American Legion.

I am enclosing for your information, an undated statement made by Indiana's Department Commander, issued last week, together with a rebuttal statement concerning Arthur Garfield Hays' address, dated November 22, 1953.

According to newspaper statements, Hays attacked Attorney General Brownell for calling Harry Dexter White a Communist spy without proof - "He took the word of a police force - the FBI". He made numerous other sneering remarks concerning Congressional committees, the Government Loyalty program and proposals to permit wire taps. The Indiana Legion made a wire recording of his entire address and as soon as copies are available, will forward to you a copy for Bureau records.

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Respectfully, INDEXED-1

LEE R. PENNINGTON, Director
National Americanism Commission

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AMERICAN LEGION
AMERICANISM COMMISSION
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

1608 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

November 24, 1953
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MEMORANDUM TO: The Director

I am attaching hereto an article which appeared in THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE, December, 1953.

Ivestia rather strongly disapproves of the cooperation between The American Legion and the FBI, and I thought you would be interested in knowing that you have incurred their displeasure.

Respectfully,

LEE R. PENNINGTON
National Americanism Commission

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Glavin

FROM : H. L. Edwards

SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP DRIVE
FBI AMERICAN LEGION POST 56

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December 3, 1953

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FBI American Legion Post 56 has achieved somewhat startling results in its current membership drive and as a result has won recognition from the District of Columbia Department of the American Legion.

On 11-24-53, Post Commander and FBI Linkin D. McCarthy has reported, the District of Columbia Department of the American Legion issued a citation to the FBI Post for exceptionally meritorious service from the National Legion Headquarters for its being the first post of the fifty-odd in the District of Columbia to exceed its 1954 membership prior to the target date of November 11, 1953. Such a post had been exhorted to try to sign up more members for 1954 than it did in 1953 and to do so by November 11, 1953. Post had 129 members in 1953 and as of 11-11-53 had signed up 137 in 1954. The post is also awarded an honor ribbon for this achievement.

Furthermore, FBI Post, given a quota of 130 members for 1954, exceeded this quota as of 11-3-53 by signing up 134 members. It was the first post in the District of Columbia to exceed its quota; and as a result, it will receive a trophy to be presented at the Department's annual convention in Washington, D. C. next summer.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that a letter be sent to Commander McCarthy commending him and the post members for an excellent showing which has been made.

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November 30, 1953

Mr. Lee R. Connington
Director
National Americanism Commission
The American Legion
1000 N Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Connington:

I have received your two notes of November 24, 1953, both with enclosures, and I am looking forward to receiving a copy of Mr. Arthur Gerfield Hays' address which you mentioned you would send over. Mr. Holder's rebuttal statement obviously represents a great deal of careful research.

The "Izucutia" article seems to indicate that the Legion and the Bureau share honors for the leading position on their "hate list," and they are absolutely correct when they comment concerning the close liaison between the Legion and the Bureau. I think it is an excellent idea for "The American Legion Magazine" to reprint such articles. It offers a good insight into the warped minds of the Communists.

Sincerely,

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G.I.R.-D

Mr. Randall C. Piart
Bellevue, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Piart:

Your letter dated December 31, 1953, has been received.

In response to your request, it is a pleasure to enclose material currently available for distribution by the FBI relating to juvenile delinquency. I hope that these data will be of interest and assistance to you in connection with the conference which you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

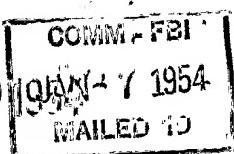
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- The Sunday School Key to Delinquency and Crime Control.
Bibliography of Crime and Kindred Subjects
How Good a Parent are You?
The Crime Problem
Crime Begins at Home
Juvenile Delinquency (Reprint Syracuse Law Review)
Juvenile Delinquency (Committee Print)
Uniform Crime Reports (Annual-1952)

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NOTE: Correspondent has received data from the Bureau previously while Superintendent of the Nebraska Children's Home, Omaha, Nebraska.



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THE AMERICAN LEGION

DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA

BELLEVUE, NEBRASKA.

OFFICE OF THE

December 31, 1953.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Will you kindly send me such current information and figures as may be readily available concerning Juvenile Delinquency.

This is to be one of the major subjects to be discussed at the Area ~~D~~ Child Welfare Conference to be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan the 15th and 16th of January.

Cordially yours,

Randall C. Biart
Member ~~National Child~~
Welfare Commission.

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Mr. Lee R. Pennington
Director
National Americanism Commission
The American Legion
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Lee:

Your letter dated January 14, 1954, and the enclosed newspaper clipping, which you forwarded to Mr. Ladd, have been received.

To my knowledge, no information has been released by the office of the Attorney General pertinent to the subject of your inquiry. A review of the article in question, however, indicates it relates generally to Smith Act prosecutions, as well as hearings based upon petitions filed by the Department of Justice with the Subversive Activities Control Board seeking orders requiring registration of certain organizations under the terms of the Subversive Activities Control Act of 1950.

As you know, a Smith Act trial currently is in progress in Detroit, Michigan, and additional trials are contemplated by the Department in the near future. Likewise, additional proceedings before the Subversive Activities Control Board are anticipated following the presentation of cases now being heard involving two organizations, namely, the Jefferson School of Social Science and the Labor Youth League. The results of these actions will be made a matter of public record upon their conclusion, as has been the practice in the past.

NOTE: An informative memo dated 1-15-54, was submitted, which analyzed the comments of the AG in detailing action against subversives by the Republican Administration. Not all the AG's figures as they appeared in press reports were accurate and the basis of computations used by him for arriving at other figures he released is unknown.

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Mr. Lee R. Pennington
Director
National Americanism Commission

January 21, 1954

It is noted the article in question concluded with a statement concerning deportation proceedings against subversive aliens. This, of course, is a matter within the sole jurisdiction of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

January 14, 1954

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Mr. Tamm
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Tamm

Mr. D. Milton Ladd
Assistant to The Director
The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Micky:

I am enclosing herewith an article which appeared in the January 14th, 1954, issue of The Indianapolis Star.

We are quite anxious to get hold of detailed information in order to publish it in The Firing Line, and would appreciate it if you could find out whether the Attorney General has furnished any detailed information concerning individuals and organizations mentioned in the article.

I'll give you a call after I get back in Washington next Friday.

Sincerely,

LEE R. PENNINGTON, Director
National Americanism Commission

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 1954

Red-Breaking Record Cited By Brownell

Washington (UPI) — Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr. said last night the Eisenhower administration has indicted or convicted 54 Communist leaders, brought 12 front groups to court and deported more than 200 subversive aliens.

Brownell's statement, made on the NBC radio program "Report From the White House," was a direct reply to former President Truman who said last week that if the Republicans indicted, prosecuted or convicted any Communists, "I have never heard of it."

"WE HAVE a very active program against subversive groups and individuals in this country and it is really working," the attorney general said.

Brownell was asked specifically about Mr. Truman's statement that "all the Communist convictions and all the Communist indictments were carried out under his administration and that of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt."

The attorney general replied that since the Eisenhower Administration came into office last January it has convicted and jailed 17 Communist leaders under the Smith Act which forbids conspiracy to teach and advocate violent overthrow of the government.

HE SAID 20 OTHER Red leaders were indicted in this period and will be brought to trial next spring while five fugitive Communist leaders were caught, brought back into court and sentenced. Twelve other Reds were indicted for making false statements under the Tamm-Hartley or other laws.

Brownell said 12 Communist front groups were hauled before the Subversive Activities Control Board. In addition, he said, the Administration has brought deportation proceedings against 712 subversive aliens, of whom 219 actually have been deported.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: 2-1-54

FROM : MR. J. A. SIZOO

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION -
NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION

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After discussing with you the subject matter covered in the attached letter from Mr. Pennington to Mr. Ladd, I talked to Mr. Pennington this morning after he returned from about ten days of sickness and advised him that we had considered in the Bureau at some length the advisability of the Commission's dedicating an issue of The Firing Line to the refutation of attacks by Communists on the Bureau and had concluded that it probably would be better not to make a great issue over the matter; that scarcely a day passed during which some subversive publication did not avail itself of the freedom of the press and castaspersions upon the conduct of the Bureau with the obvious intent of embarrassing or harassing the Bureau and the Director; and that we should expect such attacks. It was pointed out that it appeared that the compilation of such data might serve as the basis for additional attacks by misguided persons and that to accurately and forcefully refute all such allegations would require considerable work on the part of the Bureau and possibly the disclosure of confidential information and confidential techniques. It was, therefore, our considered opinion that no action along these lines should be taken at this particular time.

Our sincere appreciation for Pennington's continued interest in the welfare of the Bureau as evidenced by this communication, as well as others along a similar line, was expressed to him.

It will also be noted that he mentioned as of possible interest that if we did not already have it, he would attempt to obtain for us a copy of a booklet entitled "Report of Court Proceedings in the Case of the Anti-Soviet Trotskyite Center," which he thought might be of interest. I told Mr. Pennington that we already had in our files a copy of this publication.

Pennington expressed appreciation for my interest in calling him concerning the matter and made comments reflecting his continued concern for the welfare of the Bureau.

ACTION: None. This is for information.

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CC: Mr. Baumgardner

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

January 15, 1954

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Mr. D. M. Ladd
Assistant to The Director
The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Micky:

I have read with considerable interest the January 1954 issue of "Expose". Starting on the front page it contains a vicious article concerning the Bureau.

In reading the subversive and leftists publications here in Indianapolis, it appears to the Research Specialists that the Communist Front groups are intensifying their attempts to discredit the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The boys would very much like to have an entire issue of The Firing Line to contain nothing but information concerning attacks on the Bureau and giving in it, insofar as possible, the backgrounds of the individuals and people responsible for those articles.

I am wondering whether any of the boys in the Security Division have been keeping track of this stuff. I will drop in and see you about it upon my return to Washington the latter part of next week. I thought somebody might be more or less keeping track of this kind of tripe.

I located a book here in The Legion Library which, I understand, is of considerable value and I was wondering whether the Bureau had this. I understand that immediately after its publication in 1937 the U.S.S.R. withdrew it from circulation and destroyed every copy they could possibly get their hands on. A former Ambassador to Russia had a copy and furnished it to The Legion. It is entitled "Report of Court Proceedings in the Case of the Anti-Soviet Trotskyite Center". It was heard before the Military Collegium of the Supreme Court of the U.S.S.R., Moscow, January 23rd, 1937, and it is indicated as a verbatim report.

Frankly, I don't know whether this would be of any value to the Bureau or not. I really don't know whether you have it, but from glancing through it it appears that Vishinsky was the Prosecutor. If the Bureau doesn't have it, I would appreciate it if you would notify me here, and, if I am able to procure it, I will bring it with me next week and will then try to make arrangements to have it photostated.

Sincerely yours,

Lee *RECORDED - 60*

LEE R. PENNINGTON, Director FEB. 8 1954
National Americanism Commission

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: Jan. 27, 1954

FROM : MR. F. J. BAUMGARDNER

SUBJECT: NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION
AMERICAN LEGION

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Lee Pennington, former Bureau inspector, now with the National Americanism Commission of the American Legion in Washington D. C., has furnished the Bureau with a group of twelve pamphlets published by the National Americanism Commission. All of these pamphlets dealt with the "American way of life" and pertained to the various "truths on which American success is based." One folder captioned "Wanted Ten Million Salesmen" explains the Legion's program for Americanism and refers to a letter received from the Bureau which states that the Legion's program offers "real opportunities for further public service." This letter from the Bureau is published opposite the Director's picture.

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RECOMMENDATION:

These pamphlets are of no current interest to the Bureau; however, it is recommended that they be filed for possible future reference.

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: Feb. 24, 1954

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

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Former Inspector L. R. Pennington advised Mr. McGuire at 5:15 p.m. tonight that he had fired Bill Harris who had been employed at the Americanism Commission of the American Legion in Indianapolis as he, Pennington, had found out that Harris had been drinking, molesting women and, in particular, had been trying to undermine Pennington; and that now Harris is making wild statements in Indianapolis about Pennington and his firing him and has made the statement in some bars around Indianapolis that he is coming to Washington to expose Pennington to J. Edgar Hoover.

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Pennington

said Harris is a congenital liar and there is no reason the Director should waste any time with him, and he wanted the Director to be forewarned in the event Harris made any overtures to come in and see the Director.

cc: Mr. Ladd
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Holloman

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON ✓

FROM : W. R. GLAVIN ✓

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION FILES

DATE: February 9, 1954

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There is attached a tabulation showing the status of American Legion files as of January 31, 1954, as to new files made up during the month, files in which contacts were completed during the month, and files in which additional contacts are needed.

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TABULATION SHOWING STATUS OF AMERICAN LEGION FILES
AS OF JANUARY 31, 1954

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>NEW FILES MADE UP DURING MONTH</u>	<u>FILES IN WHICH ALL NECESSARY CONTACTS COMPLETED DURING MONTH</u>	<u>FILES IN WHICH ADDITIONAL CONTACTS NEEDED</u>
Albany	7	36	235
Albuquerque	0	70	19
Anchorage	0	0	1
Atlanta	0	0	0
Baltimore	0	19	161
Birmingham	0	4	10
Boston	45	36	264
Buffalo	0	76	105
Butte	0	79	75
Charlotte	9	46	58
Chicago	106	55	408
Cincinnati	0	25	250
Cleveland	0	0	15
Dallas	39	0	366
Denver	0	56	30
Detroit	0	391	174
El Paso	7	0	7
Honolulu	0	6	12
Houston	0	0	180
Indianapolis	0	190	249
Kansas City	13	171	450
Knoxville	0	1	0
Little Rock	3	39	28
Los Angeles	1	299	95
Louisville	0	0	26
Memphis	0	6	196
Miami	0	3	0
Milwaukee	78	21	92
Minneapolis	2	193	62
Mobile	0	0	0
Newark	0	2	21
New Haven	0	45	204
New Orleans	0	79	141
New York	0	216	207
Norfolk	0	29	13
Oklahoma City	0	0	0
Omaha	0	167	691
Philadelphia	0	0	0
Phoenix	0	26	43
Pittsburgh	6	12	272
Portland	0	0	0

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<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	FILES IN WHICH ALL NECESSARY CONTACTS	FILES IN WHICH AD- DITIONAL CONTACTS NEEDED
NEW FILES MADE UP DURING	MONTH	COMPLETED DURING	
Richmond	0	15	144
St. Louis	0	284	0
Salt Lake City	1	6	8
San Antonio	0	29	120
San Diego	0	9	36
San Francisco	0	25	14
San Juan	0	0	0
Savannah	1	72	20
Seattle	0	21	58
Springfield	0	43	259
Washington	0	1	5
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓fc-12

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: American Legion - Nat'l
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DATE: March 15, 1954

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Lee Pennington fired William E. Harris who was a Research Analyst in the National Americanism Commission in Indianapolis since he had found Harris unreliable and had been informed that Harris would not be welcome following certain Legion assignments in view of passes he had made at women.

Harris, on the other hand, is now stating he was fired because of his stand on the Bricker Amendment and represents that the Legion is no longer strongly anti-Communist.

Lee has put out the attached Legion letter which he thought we should have a copy of.

cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

1608 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

March 8, 1954

TO: DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS - THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT ADJUTANTS - THE AMERICAN LEGION
MEMBERS AMERICANISM COMMISSION - THE AMERICAN LEGION
MEMBERS COUNTER-SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE - Executive Section - THE AMERICAN LEGION

I assumed the Directorship of the Americanism Commission of The American Legion on November 23, 1953, and shortly thereafter learned that William E. Harris, Research Analyst, was not cooperating with the rest of the staff. In an effort to eliminate friction, a division of the assignments on subversive activities was agreed upon by the two specialists engaged in this type of activity. Harris' cooperation was of short duration. He repeatedly took exception to administrative decisions, voicing his disapproval both to officials within the National Organization and to outsiders having no connection with the work of the Division.

He showed a complete lack of consideration for the feelings of others and was grossly insubordinate. In two areas where he appeared on seminars, I was informed that Harris would not again be welcome.

Harris was dismissed on February 17, 1954. Immediately thereafter, a wholly false statement appeared in Indianapolis newspapers stating that his services were terminated due to his support of the Bricker Amendment. These were promptly denied by the National Adjutant. Harris was dismissed due to the fact that he was an unsatisfactory employee.

Reputable Legionnaires reported that Harris intended to initiate a smear campaign against several at National Headquarters to force the subject of his dismissal before the Executive Committee Meeting in May. The National organization hopes that Departments will be circumspect in using this disgruntled employee on future programs.

There has been no let-up in the fight against the Communist menace. I feel we are now diversifying the material in the FIRING LINE to a greater extent than we have in the past. Applications of a number of prospective employees are being reviewed in order to fill the existing vacancy.

Sincerely yours,

Lee R. Pennington
Lee R. Pennington
Director

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Mr. Nichols

March 16, 1954

M. A. Jones

CHARTS OF COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITIES

When in my office yesterday, former Inspector Lee R. Pennington (now with the American Legion) referred to page 161 of the Director's testimony on December 9, 1953, before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations and specifically to the fourth full paragraph which mentions a chart outlining the present tactics of the Communist Party in this country and also a chart showing the origin and continuity of the Communist Party in the United States.

The last paragraph on page 161 refers to a chart showing the national structure of the Communist Party and a copy of the organizational apparatus of the Communist Party.

Mr. Pennington stated that the American Legion was getting out a manual on Communism and he thought maybe he might be able to use these charts in the event they were not considered confidential.

These charts, of course, did not appear in the printed version of the Director's testimony prepared for distribution by the Bureau. It would appear, however, that these charts are of nonconfidential nature and might well be made available to former Inspector Pennington.

RECOMMENDATION:

Since the Bureau might well have use for the charts entitled "Origin and Continuity of the Communist Party," "Communist Party, U.S.A. - National Structure" and "Organizational Apparatus of the Communist Party, U.S.A.-1953," it is felt that the only one we could possibly allow Mr. Pennington to use would be the one entitled "Present Tactics of the Communist Party, U.S.A." It is suggested that a copy be made for Mr. Pennington's benefit.

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ADDENDUM, MAJ:mcq, 3-24-54:

Inspector Pennington was advised on March 23 of the unavailability of these charts.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: March 18, 1954

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: LETTER DATED MARCH 16, 1954,
 FROM A. J. CONNELL, HEAD OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION, TO LEE
PENNINGTON

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When speaking with former inspector Pennington today on other matters, he referred to a letter he had received dated March 16 from Connell concerning Bob Considine's recent column proposing a foundation to investigate Communism. Mr. Pennington stated that he desired to talk this matter over with you, perhaps tomorrow, and that he was sending the letter over today so that you would have a chance to look it over.

A typed copy of Connell's letter has been prepared and is attached. It will be noted that Connell suggested to Mr. Pennington that the Legion would be the proper organization to get behind this proposed foundation and get it going.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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Pennington 11-23-54 LETTER SO ADVISED
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TRUE COPY

H O T E L
A R D M A

215 BRAZILIAN AVENUE
PALM BEACH FLORIDA

March 16, 1954

Dear Lee,

Just read Bob Considine's column quoting an idea of Myles Lane about setting up a Foundation to study and explain Communism. I think it's terrific and would give the American Legion tremendous prestige if we could sponsor such an undertaking. We have been in the fore-front of this fight thru much of our history and are a natural to undertake such a project.

It would seem to me that both the "pro" and "anti" McCarthy forces would welcome the idea. I believe that the American people are getting fed up with the entire controversy and that they would welcome the setting up of a sound plan to study and comment calmly on the whole problem of Communism.

Big business and fellows like H. L. Hunt down in Dallas might "buy" the idea as a sound long range way of setting up a fountain head from which would flow information on the world's most controversial subject.

Wish you would contact Mr. J. Edgar Hoover and find out his thinking on the plan and how far we could count on him to endorse and work for such a Foundation. I'd "buy" his being head of a such an organization when set up. He undoubtedly would have some additional thoughts of his own.

I had asked Bill Haucle to contact Hoover (with your help) to see if he would come out to the N.E.C. meeting in May. The Foundation could be his subject.

We'd try to sell the idea of the Legion making an initial donation just as we did to the "Heart Fund". We could probably make some contacts with "big business" as to their reactions before our May meeting.

It would be a great boom to Legion membership as we need some new project to attract veterans to our standard.

Myles Lane might also be a possibility to appear at the N.E.C.

What's your reaction?

Kindest personal regards to Mrs. Pennington and yourself.

Sincerely,
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The Attorney General

March 18, 1954

Director, FBI

ARTICLE BY ALAN BARTH ENTITLED
"HOW GOOD IS AN FBI REPORT"

I thought you might like to have the attached copy of the March 15, 1954, issue of "The Firing Line" published by The National Americanism Commission of The American Legion. You will note that pages one and two of this publication deal with the article by Alan Barth entitled "How Good is an FBI Report," which appears in the March, 1954, issue of "Harrer's" magazine.

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cc - Mr. William P. Rogers (with copy of attachment)
Deputy Attorney General

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: March 25, 1954

FROM : M. A. Vokes

SUBJECT: REQUEST BY LEE PENNINGTON

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On the afternoon of March 24, 1954, Lee Pennington, Director of the Americanism Commission of the American Legion, telephonically contacted Special Agent Donald G. Hanning of Crime Records and asked if we could check on one [redacted] [redacted] Kensington, Maryland, for him. Pennington advised he wanted to hire [redacted] and if indices were negative, he would know [redacted] was okay. He advised that [redacted] [redacted] the Foreign Operations Administration from May, 1952, to January, 1953, and spent most of that time in Cairo, Egypt.

Indices reflected that we conducted an International Development Program Applicant Type of inquiry concerning this individual in 1952. (128-4418) + 116-147058

A review of this file reflected that the investigation concerning this individual failed to develop any derogatory information concerning [redacted]

After checking with Mr. Nichols, Mr. Pennington was advised that we had no derogatory information concerning [redacted]

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

(94-1-17998)

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W.W.

March 16, 1954

Mrs. B. D. ^{RECORDED} Box 102 94-147798-1055
Ringwood, West Virginia

Dear Mrs. Ward:

I have received your letter of March 11, 1954, and I am happy to learn of the program which the Child Welfare Committee of the American Legion Auxiliary is planning for Child Welfare Month.

Many families have a special time when they discuss matters of interest and problems facing them, and I believe that there is no better time to do this than while they are gathered for the evening meal. Family discussions permit parents to become more intimately acquainted with their children who, as a result, will present more of their problems to their parents. This gives adults an opportunity to properly counsel their offspring and guide them on the path of righteous living. Such instruction will help keep them from drifting toward lawlessness which is engulfing our country today.

Table blessings are an important part of every meal because they are a constant reminder to both parents and children of God's presence in the home and make us more appreciative of what He has provided for us. One of my favorite blessings which has remained with me from childhood is:

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Bless us O Lord, and these thy gifts,
which we are about to receive through
thy bounty, through Christ, our Lord.

men,

I am pleased that you desire my views in this regard, and I sincerely hope that they will be of some small help in making your program a success.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
INDIANAPOLIS 7, INDIANA

March 11, 1954

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director of the Federal Bureau
of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Mohr
Miss Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

Dear Mr. Hoover :

The Child Welfare Committee of The American Legion Auxiliary will launch a new program on April ,1st(Child Welfare Month) ,aimed at maintaining the integrity of the American Home.

We have named the program , " The Dinner Bell Hour" . Realizing that the over-organized lives of both the parents and the children have made it almost impossible to have what was once the high light of the day , the evening meal together (from beginning)to end), We believe that children need the love that can be best be radiated around the dinner table. A relaxed meal ,a discussion of family interests. Then, the family would become an entity and the children's lives would be gathered into the right channels.

Would you be kind enough to share with us a statement of your thinking on this program ? Also, a statement as to how it might help curb Juvenile Delinquency . Would you further add one or two table blessings that you may remember from your child-hood ,that children could use before meals ,with your permission to use them in furthering this program.

The first announcement was made by radio ,from Washington Feb.7th. Later,as the result of an address I made at the Sheraton Park Hotel in Washington,it received excellent press notices throughout the United States. Inez Robb ,picked it up and devoted her entire column to it on Feb.15th.

We hope that you too, will approve and share in promoting it. I know that we ask you for many favors. I remember how well you cooperated the year that I was Director of Girls Nation , I know how you help the Legion at all times. In fact, I have just read your article , " Where do we stand today with Communism in the United States ?" and don't we always return to those ,that we know we can count on?

With kindest personal regards
Riley B. Ward
Sincerely yours
Mrs. B.B.Ward W.V.T.
National Child Welfare Chairman
The American Legion Auxiliary ..

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March 16, 1954

Mr. Lee R. Pennington
Director
National Americanism Commission
The American Legion
1403 K Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Dear Lee:

I wanted you to know how deeply I appreciate the kind invitation which has been extended to me to meet with the National Executive Committee of The American Legion in Indianapolis on May 2, 3, or 4, 1954. This is something that I certainly would like to do but, unfortunately, after checking my commitments, I find that I simply cannot work this into my schedule as much as I would like to do it.

I hope, however, you will extend to the Legion officials my heartiest greetings and my expressions of deep appreciation for the splendid support which the Legion has given to our work over the years.

With every good wish,

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Sincerely,

J. E. *[Signature]*
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cc: Mr. Jones, Attention: Mr. Hanning

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April 7, 1954

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. NICHOLS

Yesterday, Mr. Arthur J. Connell, National Commander of the American Legion, called to see me, accompanied by former Inspector Lee Pennington of this Bureau. The National Commander stated that the Executive Committee of the American Legion would be meeting at Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 2, 3, 4, 1954, and he desired to make a personal appeal to me to be present on any of those days and appear either on or off the record in talking to the Executive Committee of the American Legion. I told the National Commander that, as he already knew, I had declined this invitation in line with my general policy of not accepting any speaking commitments in view of the demands upon my time here at Washington. The National Commander asked that I at least reconsider this matter and see whether I could possibly be present on any of the days above indicated. I desire that a letter be sent to the National Commander advising him that I have again reviewed my commitments at that time and I greatly regret my inability to be present to meet with him and the members of the Executive Committee.

I took the occasion to express my appreciation for the excellent cooperation and assistance which the American Legion has been to us over the years. The National Commander indicated the continued desire of the Legion to work closely with the FBI.

During the course of the visit of the National Commander, he spoke to me about a suggestion which had recently been made by Mr. Myles Lane, former U. S. Attorney at New York, which was referred to in a column by Bob Considine dealing with the idea of forming a foundation which could make a study of Communism and to which persons could turn for information about Communism. The National Commander stated he thought this suggestion had some merit and wondered what I thought about the same.

I told the National Commander that there was no doubt a need for information concerning Communism which, of course, could not be furnished by any Governmental agency but that I questioned seriously the desirability of forming a foundation to serve this purpose in view of the many complex problems that entered into the operation of a foundation.

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Mr. Boardman _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Belmont _____
Mr. Glavin _____
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I stated to the National Commander that I thought the American Legion, through its regular program of educational work, might have certain studies and research made upon which pamphlets could be prepared for dissemination dealing with the problem of Communism and the various aspects and background of it. He stated that he thought this would be worthy of further consideration by the Legion.

Very truly yours,



John Edgar Hoover
Director

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TIME <i>6:25</i>
DATE <i>4-17-54</i>
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: April 3, 1954

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: ARTHUR J. CONNELL
NATIONAL COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

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SYNOPSIS:

Arthur J. Connell, National Commander of the American Legion, has an appointment to see the Director at 10:30 A.M., April 6, 1954. Connell born July 17, 1898, Boston, Massachusetts. Received A.B. degree from Harvard in 1917. Veteran of World War I. Married January 16, 1924, and only child killed in 1943. Has risen through ranks of American Legion until elected National Commander in September, 1953. Investigated by Bureau in Winter of 1953 at request of Foreign Operations Administration. Investigation reflected no derogatory data. Contacts with Mr. Connell have been infrequent but cordial. Director declined invitations to address National Executive Committee in September, 1953, and one scheduled for May, 1954.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information only.

The following invitations have been declined from National Headquarters in recent years:

National Executive Committee, Indianapolis	May 2-4, 1954
National Executive Committee	October 15-17-1953
Department Commanders Adjutants	October 12-13, 1953
National Executive Committee Banquet	October 16, 1953
35th Annual National Convention at St. Louis	August 31, 1953
National Security Commission	January 26, 1953
33rd Annual National Convention, Miami	October 15, 1951

cc - Mr. Nichols
 cc - Tour Room
 cc - Telephone Room.
 cc - Mr. Holloman

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Memorandum to Mr. Nichols

April 3, 1954

PURPOSE:

Mr. Connell is scheduled to see the Director at 10:30 A.M. on April 6, 1954. The following is a brief summary of pertinent data in Bureau files concerning Mr. Connell.

BACKGROUND:

~~Arthur J. Connell was born on July 17, 1898, in Boston, Massachusetts. He attended Phillips Exeter Academy from 1913 to 1916 and Harvard University from 1917 until February 28, 1921, when he received an A.B. degree.~~

Connell served in World War I in the U. S. Navy. On January 16, 1924, he married Patricia Finlay and the only child of this marriage was killed at the age of 18 in 1943 when a truck struck their summer home. His younger brother, Richard, was killed at Omaha Beach during the invasion of France. He has risen through the ranks of the American Legion from Post Commander to National Commander. He is President and Treasurer of clothing firms in Middletown and Danbury, Connecticut, and Vice President of the George H. Ellis Company of Boston, a printing firm. He is Vice President of the Greater Middletown Community Chest and served for seven years as Chairman of Selective Service Board 33 at Middletown, Connecticut. He was elected National Commander of the American Legion in September, 1953. (124-8329-Serial 1 and 94-1-17998-Serial 1023)

INFORMATION IN BUREAU FILES:

By letter dated December 2, 1953, the Foreign Operations Administration requested the Bureau to investigate Mr. Connell, who was being considered for appointment "to a highly sensitive position with this Administration." The investigation failed to reflect any derogatory information. (124-8329)

CONTACTS WITH BUREAU:

By letter dated July 20, 1942, Mr. Connell, then former Commander of the American Legion's Department of Connecticut, wrote the Director and commended the fine work being done by the Bureau and the excellent relations he enjoyed with our New Haven Office. This letter was cordially acknowledged by the Director on July 29, 1942. (94-1-29688-1)

Following his election to the post of National Commander of the Legion, the Director wrote Mr. Connell congratulating him on his election and this letter was cordially acknowledged by Mr. Connell on September 15, 1953, at which time he asked the Director to address the National Executive Committee meeting in October, 1953. This invitation was cordially declined by the Director on September 21, 1953. (94-1-17998-1030) The Director has also declined to address the National Executive Committee in Indianapolis on May 2, 1954.

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Mr. Nichols

April 8, 1954

M.A. Jones

REPRINT OF DIRECTOR'S ARTICLE ENTITLED
"WHERE DO WE STAND TODAY WITH COMMUNISM IN
THE UNITED STATES" FROM THE MARCH, 1954,
ISSUE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE

NATL /

While calling on other matters this morning, former Inspector Lee Pennington stated that Senator William E. Jenner's office could use as many copies of the attached reprint as the Bureau could make available. Apparently a Miss Somes in the office of Richard Arends had made the request of former Inspector Pennington. Mr. Pennington stated that he could also use additional copies. He felt that Senator Jenner could use as many as 1,000 copies if we had them.

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The Bureau's supply is down to 500 copies at this time.

RECOMMENDATION:

That we reprint 2,000 copies of this pamphlet and make 1,000 copies available to Senator Jenner and 500 to Mr. Pennington.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson ✓
 FROM : L. B. Nichols
 SUBJECT:

April 13, 1954
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Lee Pennington called. He in turn had had a call from the National Commander of the American Legion who was very regretful over the fact that the Director could not appear before the annual meeting of the Executive Board of the American Legion in Indianapolis. Lee stated that since these meetings will be off-the-record, behind closed doors and represent such a wonderful opportunity, the National Commander wondered, since the Director could not come, if he could send an assistant to discuss the subject of Communism. He assured that the meeting would be off-the-record. Lee wondered if this would be possible and pointed out he thought it would be very advantageous from the Bureau's standpoint if someone could come out. I told Lee we were pretty shorthanded, that I would have to do a little checking, but I sort of had my doubts but would let him know. Lee then asked if I could not come. I told him I was swamped and we would survey the situation and see if somebody could be made available.

Supervisor J. F. Condon and Supervisor Herman O. Bly of the Domestic Intelligence Division have been making a few appearances. I have always been very favorably impressed with Herman Bly. He makes a good appearance and I think that if he had a carefully prepared outline before he went out there, he could handle such an assignment with competence. Bly recently appeared before an ONI group, presumably for a two-hour lecture, following several Navy speakers, on the subject of Communism. When Bly started in he found they had very little knowledge and instead of a 2-hour lecture, delivered a 4-hour lecture with excellent results.

Supervisor Condon likewise makes a good appearance and according to reports which I have received does a good job. I would favor Supervisor Herman Bly because I think he could handle such a meeting more effectively. We could have Bly prepare an outline which we could carefully go over prior to his going out. Accordingly, I would recommend that Bly be designated. (F. D. R. M. 4-14)

cc: Mr. Boardman

Mr. Belmont

Mr. Jones

LBN:MP

9 AM - 10 MAY 1954

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson *(initials)*

FROM : L. B. Nichols

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DATE: April 2, 1954

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Lee Pennington called to advise that Arthur J. Connell, National Commander of the American Legion, Middletown, Connecticut, desired to see the Director on Tuesday, April 6, 1954. I mentioned this to the Director and an appointment was made for Connell to come in to see the Director at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday morning. I confirmed this with Pennington. Mr. Jones has been requested to get up a summary memorandum.

It is entirely possible, according to Pennington, that Connell might bring up the invitation which the Director has already declined to address the National Executive Committee of the American Legion in Indianapolis, Indiana, May 2, 1954.

cc - Mr. Holloman

cc - Mr. Jones

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 4/21/54

FROM : *DC* SAC, New York (136-00)SUBJECT: *POSSIBLE INFILTRATION OF AMERICAN LEGION, FURNISHED BY DR. DAVID CLARK CABEEN, CHAIRMAN, AMERICANISM COMMITTEE, NEW YORK COUNTY ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN LEGION, 500 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK 22, NEW YORK*b6
b7C

On 3/23/54 DR. DAVID CLARK CABEEN telephonically advised the NYO that he was desirous to make available *I.R.-1* certain information.

On 3/25/54 SA [redacted] interviewed CABEEN at the NYO. CABEEN advised he resides at 530 East 23rd Street, NYC and is retired. CABEEN related he was a former professor at the University of Nebraska and other schools. Although he is presently retired, CABEEN related he is working on a seven volume book series, a French bibliography. In conversation CABEEN related he is listed in the "Who's Who Of America."

CABEEN stated he is a member of the Seventh Regiment Post of the American Legion, Armory, NYC, and is presently Chairman of the Americanism Committee of the NY County organization of the American Legion, 500 Park Avenue, NY 22, NY.

CABEEN related the following:

LOUIS J. NAFTALISON of 440 East 23rd Street, NY 10, NY, is an attorney employed by the NY State Labor Arbitration Bureau. NAFTALISON is a Vice Commander of the NY County organization of the American Legion and is a past commander of the General Duffy Post, Peter Cooper Village, NYC. CABEEN stated he feels that NAFTALISON is the "hatchet man" for the Anti-Defamation League. CABEEN further stated NAFTALISON in his own American Legion Post has attacked the national operations of the American Legion on Americanism as expressed in "The Firing Line" as being un-American. CABEEN stated NAFTALISON also attacked his program of Americanism in the county organization.

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Letter to Director
NY 136-00

CABEEN believes that NAFTALISON possibly has infiltrated and rose in the ranks of the Legion in order to influence and change policies. CABEEN feels that NAFTALISON could be a hidden Communist, but what he, NAFTALISON, is attempting to do is more dangerous than what a Communist could do, for on the surface NAFTALISON is not a Communist.

CABEEN related in 1952 a reported Communist, name unknown, had attempted to join the General Duffy Post and NAFTALISON as Commander had objected and went to court to prove a Communist can not be a Legionnaire and to bar this reported Communist from membership. CABEEN related that all the NYC newspapers carried this matter and CABEEN feels that NAFTALISON might have done this in order to establish an anti-Communist position.

CABEEN could not definitely state what NAFTALISON'S policies are, for he says he is a very clever man. However, in general, CABEEN stated NAFTALISON is against the national Americanism policy of the American Legion. At meetings of the county organization NAFTALISON objects, forces laws, and attempts to postpone any steps the county organization might contemplate taking in regard to their Americanism program.

CABEEN further stated that FRANCIS HERBERT, Commander of the General Duffy Post, 1953, and JAMES DONOVAN, who is active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, believe that NAFTALISON has possibly infiltrated the Legion in order to change its policies. CABEEN stated that NAFTALISON as Vice Commander is next in line to be Commander of the county organization.

CABEEN stated that Brigadier-General ROBERT CONDON of the Air Force is the unofficial boss of the American Legion in NYC, and that he and others intend to see that CONDON does not nominate NAFTALISON to be Commander and if CONDON is going to nominate NAFTALISON, CABEEN stated they are going to go to the Pentagon in order to stop it.

CABEEN stated another person who could be a hidden Communist in the Legion is MURRAY H. RESNIKOFF, who resides at 390 First Avenue, NY 10, NY, and who is presently Counselor for veterans in the Welfare Office of the American Legion, Room 809, 500 Park Avenue, NYC.

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CABEEN stated RESNI-COFF is presently the Vice Chairman of the Americanism Committee of the county organization and is past Commander of United Manhattan Post #9. CABEEN stated he feels that RESNI-COFF'S objective is to defeat the policies of the Legion on Americanism as defined in "The Firing Line." For example, CABEEN stated the American Legion is 100% behind the policies of the New York "Journal American" and the Hearst papers in regard to Americanism and that RESNI-COFF would be one that would be against the policies of the "Journal American" and the Hearst papers concerning Americanism.

CABEEN stated that RESNI-COFF is a troublemaker and sabotages the American Legion objectives on Americanism. CABEEN placed RESNI-COFF in the same category as NAFTALISON. CABEEN stated that RESNI-COFF is a firm supporter of NY Senator LEHMAN and nominated LEHMAN to receive the 1954 Americanism Award of the American Legion. CABEEN stated his candidate for the 1954 Americanism Award of the Legion is J. B. MATTHEWS, former chief investigator with Senator JOSEPH MC CARTHY.

CABEEN stated that MEYER POSES, 11 West 42nd Street, NYC, who resides at 441 East 20th Street, NY 10, NY, is present Commander of the General Duffy Post and a Vice Chairman on the Americanism Committee of the county organization. CABEEN stated that he did not believe POSES is a Communist, but that he is a "New York Post Liberal" and an "American For Democratic Action type of fellow," who CABEEN feels should not represent the American Legion on a policy level. CABEEN did not feel that POSES is 100% behind the Americanism program of the American Legion.

CABEEN furnished the name of HARRY SIMON, 1441 Broadway, NYC, as presently being a member of the Americanism Committee of the NY County organization. CABEEN stated that SIMON shouts insults at the meeting and generally obstructs the objectives of the Americanism Committee. He did not believe that SIMON is a Communist.

CABEEN in conclusion stated that he had no legal evidence against any of the foregoing persons, but it is a feeling of his, as a result of being in contact with them in the Legion. CABEEN related that he and other members felt it was not beyond the realm of possibility that certain persons might try to influence the policies of the Legion.

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CABEEN was advised that this Bureau is always interested in receiving information concerning Communists, but by an Executive Order of the Attorney General of the United States is precluded from making any information available to non-governmental organizations.

The following information, contained in the NYO, relative to the individuals mentioned-above appears to be identifiable with them.

LOUIS J. NAFTALISON

A clipping from the "New York Herald Tribune," a daily newspaper, on 2/16/49 related that SIDNEY REITER resigned as a member of the General Duffy Post #1144 of the American Legion after he admitted he was a Communist. The case against REITER began in 1946 when LOUIS J. NAFTALISON said he saw REITER distributing copies of the "Daily Worker."

NAFTALISON was developed as an American Legion informant on 1/29/51 by this office at which time he advised he was Post Commander of American Legion Post #1141 and that he was presently employed by the NY State Department of Labor as a Senior Referee on the Unemployment Insurance Appeal Board.

MEYER POSES OTHER National Lawyers Guild v. Attorney General, 77 Civ. 999

Hearings before a Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Appendix, Part 9, Page 1133, reflect that an undated exhibit of the Lawyers' Security League, 38 Park Row, NY, NY listed MEYER POSES, not otherwise identified, as Secretary of the organization.

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The above is for the information of the Bureau
and UACB no further action will be taken by the NYO.

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no further action by NYO
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. NICHOLS

DATE: 4/23/54

FROM : W. G. EAMES

SUBJECT: HOUSE RESOLUTIONS 4422 AND 4581
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Mr. Lee Pennington now with the American Legion, 1608 K St. N.W., called Agent Medler and requested that in the event we had extra copies of the captioned House Resolutions we furnish him one copy of same.

He also requested one copy if available of the Dies Committee Report on Labor of 1947 and OPA, 1945-46.

Mr. Pennington advised that when he left the Bureau he furnished to the Records Section personally owned copies of these reports. He stated he has need for this material and would appreciate receiving copies if available. We have located House Resolutions 4422 and 4581, but have been unsuccessful in locating an extra copy of the OPA and Labor Reports. We are continuing our search for the latter mentioned.

ACTION TAKEN:

No action has been taken thus far to furnish anything to Mr. Pennington, but if the Bureau approves, one copy of House Resolutions 4422 and 4581 will be forwarded to him. It is also requested that in the event we are successful in locating the other reports that a decision be rendered at this time as to whether or not these should be furnished.

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John Pennington

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A.H. BELMONT *(initials)*

FROM : F.J. BAUMGARTNER

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
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DATE: April 26,
1954

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Pursuant to the memorandum from Mr. L.B. Nichols to Mr. Tolson dated April 13, 1954, there is attached herewith a proposed outline of a ½ hour speech to be delivered by Supervisor Herman O. Bly at an off-the-record, behind closed doors meeting of the Executive Board of the American Legion in Indianapolis on Sunday afternoon May 2, 1954.

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This speech is designed to be timely, interesting, informative and yet not be controversial or disclose any information of a real confidential nature. It will bring basic information of the Communist menace to a group of men dedicated to fight against this atheistic threat to the free world.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this memorandum be routed to Mr. Nichols. If approved, the speech will be prepared and delivered, based on this outline.

Attachment

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cc: Mr. Boardman
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Bly
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LECTURE OUTLINE

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

I. THE COMMUNIST MENACE

A. The Communist Blueprint

1. Last statement of Communist Manifesto
2. Statement in current C.P.U.S.A. constitution that Party is based on Marxist-Leninist principles.
3. Give a few selected statements from the program of the Communist International adopted on September 1, 1928, to show these principles.
4. Set forth a few excerpts from Stalin's speech of May 6, 1929, on the tasks of the American Communist Party.
5. Give the 8 basic ideas of Communism.
6. Point out that C.P.U.S.A. constitution carries statement, "the Communist Party therefore educates the working class, in the course of its day-to-day struggles for its historic mission, the establishment of Socialism."
7. Statements of extremely revolutionary nature made by William Z. Foster, head of C.P.U.S.A.
 - (a) Statements before Fish Committee in December 1930 re: "Red Flag, etc."
 - (b) Statement in "Toward a Soviet America" published in 1932 as to what would take place when the dictatorship of Proletariat is established in U.S.
 - (c) March 3, 1949, statement, that in case of war between U.S. and Soviet Union, Communists would cooperate with all democratic forces to defeat predatory war aims of American imperialism, etc.
 - (d) Cable of condolences of C.P.U.S.A. to Central Committee of C.P. of the Soviet Union upon death of Joseph Stalin on March 5, 1953.

II. COMMUNIST PARTY OF U.S.A.

A. Its Organizational Structure

1. National Convention
2. National Committee
3. Alternate National Committee
4. 30 districts

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(a) State, city, section, and club organization

5. National Commissions
6. Differentiate between "open" party and "underground" organization (generalize, but yet make interesting)
7. Describe security measures practiced today.

B. Describe Prosecutive Action

1. Under Smith Act - 1940
2. Under Internal Security Act of 1950
(a) Describe the action that can be taken against C.P.U.S.A. and its members if Supreme Court upholds order of Subversive Activities Control Board that C.P.U.S.A. should register as a Communist action organization.

III: DESCRIBE THE PRESENT C.P. LINE AS SET FORTH IN THE DRAFT PROGRAM RELEASED ON MARCH 7, 1954

- A. Describe this program as an attempt to capitalize on the present economic situation, political differences, and international crises to win adherents to the Communist cause.
- B. Point out that this new program denies that C.P. advocates force and violence and that this is just another attempt at lying and deceit to win back its former position in U.S. which existed prior to the prosecution of its leaders.
- C. Point out that this draft program is for discussion purposes only at this time, but that final program will be adopted early this summer at a "National Gathering."

IV: F.B.I. IS CONSIDERED THE NO. 1 ENEMY OF C.P.U.S.A.

- A. Point out that although the Communist Party is spearheading its attacks against Senator McCarthy and the Congressional Committees, its real enemy is the F.B.I. and that every step is taken to smear the F.B.I. whenever it can.
 1. In 1941 C.P. intensified its campaign against the F.B.I. and called for Director J. Edgar Hoover's removal and urged Congress to reduce the appropriations of the F.B.I.

2. Cite attack of the National Lawyers Guild in 1950.
 3. Cite attack against Director Hoover in connection with the so called "Palmer Raids."
 4. Cite the constant attack against the F.B.I. because of its use of "stool pigeons."
 5. Cite the constant reference to the F.B.I. as the "Gestapo in America."
 6. Cite the reference to so called F.B.I. "harrassment" in connection with our interview programs and prosecution of CP leaders.
 7. The Communist Party constantly attempts to discredit the F.B.I. as interfering with labor union activities.
- B. Cite instructions issued by Communist movement in event any member is contacted by agents of F.B.I. Quote from document "When the Political Police (FBI) Knock on your Door."

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: April 26, 1954

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

Former Inspector Lee R. Pennington of the American Legion has asked if the Bureau could possibly have one of its translators acquainted with Bulgarian look over the attached letter addressed to Mat Managhan of New Orleans. Lee Pennington explained that Mat Managhan is the Department Adjutant of the headquarters of the American Legion in Louisiana at New Orleans and was extremely helpful to the Bureau several years ago when the Director was interested in obtaining some detailed information on the then Huey Long machine in Louisiana. Pennington stated an exact translation was not necessary, but would be appreciated if the Bureau could help by giving the gist of what this letter is about.

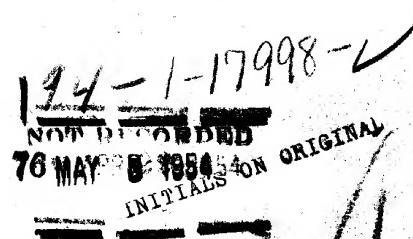
It is suggested in view of Pennington's active cooperation with the Bureau that the Translation Unit look over the letter and I will see that the translation is relayed back to Pennington.

cc - Mr. Tamm

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MR. MCBOBRE
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April 28, 1954

Mr. Lee R. Pennington
The American Legion
1608 K Street, Northwest
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Lee:

I am returning the material you received from Matt Managhan of New Orleans, together with a translation of the letter.

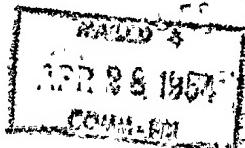
With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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I received a letter from my father, whose name is [REDACTED].
He wrote me to write you at your address so that you
can know that I, his daughter [REDACTED] am now in Belgium.
I am married here, and my husband, whose name is [REDACTED] is
Greek. He is a carpenter. We have two children. One aged 2, the
other 5. I am writing a few words because I don't know you, but
in the second letter I think then you will better realize whose
daughter I am. If you like, you can write me without fail. I
will await an answer. If you know the Greek language, you can
write me in Greek. If, on the other hand you can't, then in
American, and I will try to get someone to translate it for me.
Please, if you receive my letter, write me without fail. My
name is [REDACTED] You can answer at my husband's
address (same as on envelope).

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Mr. Lee R. Pennington
Director
National Americanism Commission
The American Legion
1608 K Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Dear Lee:

Nick has called to my attention your letter of May 4th.

I deeply appreciate your continued interest in all of our activities, and I certainly was glad to know that you thought sufficiently well of my article which appeared in the March issue of The American Legion Magazine to give it the distribution you did.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc - Mr. Jones

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Mr. Louis Nichols
The Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nick:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of The Director's questions and answers which appeared in The American Legion Magazine in March of 1954, which have been disseminated by The American Legion in Pennsylvania.

Two hundred thousand (200,000) copies of this have been printed and distributed to schools throughout the State.

Sincerely yours,

Lee

LEE R. PENNINGTON, Director
National Americanism Commission

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WHERE DO WE STAND TODAY WITH COMMUNISM IN THE UNITED STATES?*

By J. EDGAR HOOVER

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Question: *Has there been a decline in recent years in the number of communists in the United States?*

Answer: Yes. In January, 1947, there were approximately 74,000 members of the Communist Party in the United States. In July, 1948, the top twelve Communist Party leaders were indicted on charges of violation of the Smith Act. This was the first legal action instituted against the top leadership of the Communist Party. In January, 1949, party membership was approximately 54,000. On October 14, 1949, the Communist Party leaders were found guilty. As of December 31, 1949, party membership numbered less than 53,000. On June 25, 1950, the war in Korea began; and on September 23, 1950, the Internal Security Act of 1950, which called for the registration of all communist action organizations, went into effect. By December 31, 1950, party membership in the United States numbered less than 44,000. On June 4, 1951, the Smith Act was upheld constitutionally, and during the summer of 1951, additional communist leaders were indicted under this act. By January, 1952, party membership totaled less than 32,000; and as of September 30, 1953, it numbered approximately 24,000. That is a decrease of 50,000 members, or about two-thirds of the total membership, since January, 1947.

Question: *Has there been a corresponding decline in communist influence in the United States?*

Answer: I would not say that communist influence has declined in direct ratio to the decrease in members. The influence of the communist movement can never be determined in terms of members. Many of the members who have dropped out of the Communist Party are still sympathetic with some of the aims of the party and can still be counted on to assist in certain phases of party work. The large number of members who have defected or have been expelled in recent years does not represent the most influential or the most devoted members. Those who now

remain in the Communist Party are essentially the real nucleus of hard-core communists who are devoted to Marxism-Leninism and are willing to obey any party instructions. Essentially they are the members who were the most influential six years ago. The party still has its publications, its schools and its fellow travelers. On the other hand, the prosecution and incarceration of the leading functionaries have forced the current leadership underground; which has hurt their effectiveness. Public exposure has neutralized the influence of many other members. These factors have been a damaging blow to the over-all influence of the party.

Question: *What has been the greatest blow suffered by the communists in this country in recent years?*

Answer: Unquestionably, the greatest blow they have suffered has been the successful prosecution by the Government of over 60 of their leaders for violation of the Smith Act. This has deprived the party of much of its most powerful leadership, disrupted many of its operations and heavily drained its financial resources. It has thrown confusion, uncertainty and fear into the rank-and-file membership. It has made them realize how thoroughly they have been investigated for a long period of time and how closely their activities have been observed, with the result that they have gone underground and have invoked such strict security measures among the membership that they cannot operate nearly so effectively as in past years. It has revealed to them that some of their most trusted comrades were actually informants for the Government, which has created suspicion and distrust of their associates. It has caused many of the less devoted Marxists to drop out of the party, and some of them to make a full disclosure to the FBI of their knowledge of communist activities. It has turned the spotlight on the communist con-

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spiracy against this country; so that the American public has now seen it in true perspective and has taken an enlightened stand against this foreign-inspired menace. This positive action by the Government has been and continues to be a staggering blow to the Communist Party.

Question: What is our greatest present danger from American communism?

Answer: So long as public opinion is aroused and there is widespread resistance to communist infiltration the greatest danger lies in the moment of great emergency which would arise should the Soviets try a "Pearl Harbor" sneak attack. Then, by disrupting our defense program, they could do us the most damage. It is of utmost importance to the security of our nation that we maintain a constant state of preparedness to repel successfully any attack and to deal swiftly and effectively with any aggressor. Any breakdown in our productive ability would imperil our national security now, and would create a crucial situation in the event of open hostilities. For that reason we must take every precaution to safeguard our productive might.

Question: Do you think the public has been getting a fair picture of the danger from communists within this country?

Answer: I feel that the press, radio, television and Congressional investigating committees have done much in recent years to educate the public as to the nature, operations and objectives of communism; and the educational program of The American Legion has been particularly effective.

Question: Do you think the public now understands and appreciates the danger?

Answer: Those who are interested in learning about the communist menace have certainly had the opportunity to become better informed during recent years; but, of course, there are many people who are apathetic about the danger and consequently have little or no understanding of it.

Question: Because of the Korean War most Americans now recognize the overall menace of armed aggression. They also know that Soviet spies have been at work in this country. However, is it not true that most Americans are hazy when it comes to communist fronts, how they operate, and what should be done about them?

Answer: The fact that there are so many communist front groups now operating in the United States

leaves no doubt that many Americans have not checked into the underlying purpose and nature of such organizations before becoming affiliated with them.

Communist front groups are organizations of a disguised character which the Communist Party uses to further its aims. They would appear on the surface not to be under communist control, and their ostensible objectives would seem to be entirely legitimate. Only in this way can they attract the support of many individuals who would not openly uphold a known Communist Party program.

Front groups are particularly valuable to the Communist Party as a recruiting field for potential party members, as a source of funds, as a pressure group advocating a particular communist program and

as a means of disseminating communist propaganda. They are established either by actually organizing a new group around a particular issue or by infiltrating a legitimate existing organization. Among those who participate in front groups are open Communist Party members, concealed communists, fellow travelers, and communist sympathizers.

Legal action has been taken with respect to such organizations. The Internal Security Act of 1950 provides that organizations determined by the Subversive Activities Control Board to be communist front organizations, and officers of these organizations, must register with the Attorney General; and certain restrictions are placed upon such organizations and persons. The Subversive Activities Control Board has been holding hearings on certain organizations on the Attorney General's list, to determine whether they are communist front organizations within the provisions of this Act.

It is highly important that any person "Stop, Look and Listen" before he allows his name to be used by any newly created organization with whose aims he is not completely familiar.

Q. You have often predicted that the communists would go underground when things became hot. With public resentment increasing, hasn't there been a general movement from open communist organizations to more or less nebulous front organizations?

A. Very definitely. Almost all Communist Party activity is being carried on in a disguised manner. Many of the top leaders and most trusted members of the party have gone underground, and the rank-and-file membership carry on party activities through communist front organizations and even through infiltrating legitimate organizations. For example, under party instructions they have joined Parent-Teacher Associations, church, civic and similar groups in which you would not expect to find them. They are transferred to different sections of the country where they as-

sume fictitious names and backgrounds and infiltrate unsuspecting groups and right-led labor unions in order to further the communist program. Therefore it will be increasingly difficult for unsuspecting citizens to detect communist influence in organizational activities.

Q. This, then, means a tougher problem for Americans since the fight moves into a twilight zone. Issues are confused, and the public is confused. How can communism be fought most effectively in America today?

A. I have always felt that an alert, informed citizenry is our most potent weapon against communism. The vast majority of Americans are patriotic, loyal citizens. They abhor treachery, deceit and any forces which would deprive us of our freedom and democratic liberties, and will not long tolerate the perpetuation of such evils. Through the schools, churches, press and radio, the public should be given the facts about communism. Not through demagoguery or appeal to their prejudices and fears, but through a clear, factual, truthful presentation, the public should continue to be informed of the real purposes, objectives, loyalties and methods of operation of the Communist Party. Because communist strategy is based on deceit and its true motives are concealed, communism cannot flourish under the spotlight of truth. The more fully it becomes exposed to the public eye, the more limited becomes its area of effective operations and the more restricted the number of people who will be duped into serving its evil purposes.

Along with informing the public of the truth concerning communism, and publicly exposing it as the foreign-inspired conspiracy that it is, another effective method of fighting communism is by prosecuting communists for violations of Federal law.

Q. Where can the private citizen go to get authentic information about organizations and individuals he suspects?

A. To determine the organizations which have been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450, one should either contact the Department of Justice or refer to issues of the "Federal Register" dated May 12, 1953, July 21, 1953, and October 6, 1953, which contain all designations by the Attorney General up to September 25, 1953. The fact that a particular organization does not appear on the Attorney General's list, however, does not necessarily mean that the organization is clear of subversive influ-

ence. Actually that organization may be under investigation, and an individual should be careful of what organizations he joins and should keep his eyes open to detect communist influence. With regard to obtaining authentic information about individuals he suspects as being communists, there is no one single source to which he can go to obtain complete information. The FBI must necessarily keep the contents of its files confidential.

Q. How can the individual assist the FBI in its investigation of subversive activities?

A. By voluntarily furnishing any information he may have concerning subversive activities to the FBI, and by cooperating in any way he can when requested to do so by the FBI, the individual is not only rendering valuable assistance but is also measuring up to the responsibilities of good citizenship.

Q. Specifically, if a person feels he has valuable information, how should he go about offering it?

A. He can write to me personally; he can go in person to the nearest field office of the FBI; or he can call the nearest field office and arrange for a Special Agent to contact him. The telephone number of the appropriate FBI Office is listed on the first page of all telephone directories. He can be certain that his assistance is appreciated and that his identity will be kept confidential if he so desires.

Q. There is a certain amount of confusion in the public mind concerning the functions of the FBI. Some people feel that "we should not permit Congress to go after alleged subversives since this is a function of the FBI." Others maintain that the FBI could round up all the subversives in the country on short notice; therefore, what are we worrying about?

For the record, will you explain just what the FBI can do and what it is not permitted to do?

A. By Presidential directives, legislative enactments and instructions of the Attorney General the FBI has the responsibility of investigating espionage, sabotage, subversive activities and related domestic intelligence matters and of serving as a coordinating agency for the dissemination of domestic intelligence information to other Federal agencies authorized to receive it. The FBI is a fact-finding agency and does not institute prosecutive action on the basis of its investigative findings. In-

formation reflecting a violation of Federal law is referred to the Department of Justice for an opinion as to prosecution. Any information received which pertains to the responsibilities of some other government agency is transmitted directly to that agency without recommendation or evaluation.

While the FBI for years has exposed the communist conspiracy, it cannot divulge the confidential details of its files as to specific individuals. A Congressional committee having the power of subpoena and contempt citation is able to focus public attention on specific situations.

Q. Can a person who believes that the FBI has wrongly pegged him as a communist present his side of the case so the record shows his version?

A. Not only can he present his version; but, the FBI welcomes any such person's coming in and relating his story. We are a fact-finding organization and we are just as zealous to protect the innocent as we are to detect those who pose a threat to the internal security of our country.

Q. Ex-communists are held in low regard by some people who maintain that they shouldn't be trusted and their testimony is worthless. What is your experience with ex-communists in this respect? Have these people to any great extent redeemed themselves by the help they have given you?

A. The assistance which ex-communists have given to the FBI has been invaluable. Having had their eyes opened to the true nature of the communist conspiracy, many of them have re-evaluated the privileges of American citizenship, have realized the duties inherent in such citizenship, and, through making a full disclosure to the FBI of the information they possess, have made contributions of great value to the internal security of this country. The truth of their testimony has been verified by corroborating evidence. Many ex-communists have been tested by vigorous and searching cross-examination, and their opponents have been unable to contradict their testimony. Many of them have suffered ostracism, public rebuke and social distrust as a result of their breaking with the Communist Party and testifying against it. All religions teach that redemption is possible for any man who sincerely repents and seeks to make amend for his errors. The sincerity of a former communist can be judged by his willingness to stand up

and be counted and by taking positive action to attempt to rectify his wrongs. I am always glad to see ex-communists make their change of conscience and philosophy a matter of record, assume earnestly the responsibilities of good citizenship and join in the fight against the evil they formerly espoused, and I welcome the information which they can furnish.

Q. We have asked about past and present dangers. Can you indicate what the communists are planning for 1954 and later?

A. The Communist Party has three primary plans for future action. One is the infiltration of labor. In this respect the party is concentrating on the infiltration of "right-led" unions, or non-communist-dominated unions, and labor unions in the basic industries. Its vicious purpose is both to influence the trade union movement in this country and to be on the ground floor in the event the labor movement ever forms a third major political party in the U. S.

A second diabolical plan is to infiltrate and strengthen its ties within the two major political parties in this country, in order to advance more effectively the interests of the Communist Party within the existing political framework and to bring about a new political realignment in this country on the basis of which the Communist Party hopes ultimately to be the dominating force.

A third and probably the most important plan is the continuation of the so-called "peace offensive." Here the communists are attempting to capitalize on the deep desire of the American people for peace. They would lay sole claim to any real efforts to achieve that goal; yet it is their Soviet masters who make the achievement of world peace

so difficult. In order that we may not be misled by communist peace propaganda, it is important that we understand the Marxist-Leninist distinction between two kinds of peace—lasting peace, obtained only after world revolution; and temporary peace, regarded as a tactical necessity as the tide of revolution ebbs and flows. In short, the peace which figures so prominently in communist propaganda today is a temporary tactical peace designed to strengthen the Soviet Union and to stupefy its adversaries.

Q. The lone individual often feels he can do nothing to fight communism, and in most cases there is not a great deal he can do. However, there are some things open to him. What are they?

A. Every loyal American citizen can and should join in the fight against the communist menace. These are some of the things each person can do:

1. Learn the facts about communism—its history and objectives, its program and techniques in this country. The better informed one becomes, the more rapidly he can detect communist influences and the more intelligently he can fight communism.

2. Through such media as the press and radio, keep up with Russia's stand on matters of foreign policy. The Communist Party in America will take the same position, and the party line will fluctuate as Soviet foreign policy changes. Sudden reversals in Soviet policy will cause members of the party to make sudden similar reversals in their pronouncements, which is one of the best ways to spot communists.

3. Become familiar with the names of organizations publicly cited as communist fronts, and refuse to join such groups, to sponsor their causes or to

contribute to their fund drives.

4. Be alert to communist tactics in unions and other organizations. Outmaneuver them. Keep them under control and in the minority at all times and attempt to eliminate or neutralize their effectiveness. Openly oppose their efforts to promulgate pro-communist activities or resolutions.

5. Keep communists out of official positions in schools, churches and other institutions where they can poison the minds and influence actions of youth.

6. Exercise your privilege to vote and keep communists and their sympathizers out of public office.

7. Develop an intelligent, participating interest in civic affairs and programs for social improvement. Don't let communists claim a monopoly in such matters or move in and direct established programs.

8. Report to the FBI immediately any pertinent information relating to subversive activities.

9. Conduct no private investigations of suspicious persons or organizations, but leave that to trained investigators who are authorized to perform such investigations. Do not become involved in the communist movement for whatever worth-while motives without first discussing the matter thoroughly with the FBI and establishing a cooperative relationship.

10. Learn as much as possible about America—its history, government, culture, laws and heritage of freedom; and make the practice of democracy its own bulwark against subversion. Speak up for America and work for America.

A Statement of Purpose

The American Legion, Department of Pennsylvania, is proud to distribute this celebrated article written by a distinguished American, J. Edgar Hoover.

Our purpose in doing this is to encourage the school children of Pennsylvania to think seriously about the menacing problem of Communism. We hope, too, that discussion groups guided by competent teachers will be organized so that, by the free exchange of ideas, the grave danger of Communism might be more clearly understood.

It is important to the future of America that our young people be encouraged to think about today's problems. In helping them to do this the American Legion is keeping faith with its precepts and fulfilling one of its main functions — service to God and Country.

PAUL R. SELECKY, State Commander
American Legion, Pennsylvania

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: May 5, 1954

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE INFILTRATION OF AMERICAN LEGION, - NY 171
 FURNISHED BY DR. DAVID CLARK CABEEN,
 CHAIRMAN, AMERICANISM COMMITTEE, NEW YORK
 COUNTY ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN LEGION,
 500 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK 22, NEW YORK

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SYNOPSIS:

In a letter dated April 21, 1954, captioned as above, New York Office set forth results of interview with Dr. David Clark Cabeen, who was interviewed by that office on March 25, 1954, at his own request. Cabeen is a retired university professor, member of American Legion, New York City and presently Chairman of the Americanism Committee of the New York County organization of the American Legion. Cabeen made allegations against four individuals in this organization. He advised one Louis J. Naftalison, an attorney, who is Vice Commander of New York county organization of American Legion and past Commander of General Duffy Post, is probably the "hatchet man" for the Anti-Defamation League. Naftalison has attacked the national operations of the American Legion on Americanism as un-American. Cabeen believes Naftalison possibly has infiltrated Legion and might be a hidden Communist although he fought the admission to his Post of a known Communist in 1952. Cabeen further alleges that present Commander of General Duffy Post Francis Herbert believes that Naftalison has possibly infiltrated the Legion in order to change its policies. Naftalison as Vice Commander of the county organization is next in line to be Commander. Also alleges that Brigadier General Robert Condon of the Air Force is unofficial boss of American Legion in New York City and that he and others intend to see that Condon does not nominate Naftalison to be Commander. If this happens, Cabeen states they are going to the Pentagon in order to stop it. Also makes allegations concerning one Murray H. Resni-Coff presently Counselor for veterans in Welfare Office of the American Legion. Resni-Coff also presently Vice Chairman of Americanism Committee of county organization. Cabeen feels Resni-Coff's objective is to defeat policies of the Legion on Americanism as defined in "The Firing Line." Also alleges Resni-Coff is a trouble maker and sabotages American Legion objectives on Americanism. Cabeen alleges that one Meyer Poses, a Vice Chairman of the Americanism Committee of the county organization is a "New York Post Liberal" and an "American For Democratic Action type of fellow." Cabeen also alleges one Harry Simon, a member of the Americanism Committee of the New York County organization shouts insults at meetings and generally obstructs the objectives of the Americanism Committee. Cabeen stated he has no legal evidence against the above individuals but ~~that~~ he and other members

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felt that certain persons might try to influence the policies of the Legion. New York Office advised [REDACTED] developed as American Legion informant of that office in January, 1951.

[REDACTED] developed by New York Office as an American Legion informant in May, 1951. Above four individuals not identifiable in Bufiles. In regard to Cabeen, Bufiles reflect that in 1937, we conducted laboratory examinations for Nashville, Tennessee, Police Department of anonymous typewritten letters which were sent to individuals in Nashville threatening harm because of annoyance by their dogs or their children. One David C. Cabeen, Professor of Foreign Languages at Vanderbilt University, was arrested as the sender. He denied guilt but assured Police Department no further letters would be sent if case was dismissed. As a result he was dismissed by Chancellor of Vanderbilt University. A contact of a suspected Russian agent was in contact with one D. C. Cabeen of 530 East 23rd Street, New York City during 1950. In 1953, we conducted "Loyalty of the Employees of the United Nations and other Public International Organizations" type investigation concerning Violet Abbott Cabeen also known as Mrs. David Clark Cabeen. This investigation failed to reflect any derogatory information concerning Mrs. Cabeen. Investigation in this case by Memphis Office negative with regard to criminal record. Administrative page of the Memphis office report set forth considerable information concerning Dr. Cabeen's trouble in 1937. One individual who had received an anonymous letter in 1937 signed release after Dr. Cabeen paid \$300.00 and same individual believed detective who allegedly arrested Cabeen had been given a \$40.00 suit of clothes to "forget the whole thing." Investigation Vanderbilt University failed to reflect Dr. Cabeen was dismissed from his position. Who's Who in America reflects David Clark Cabeen was born in Wisconsin in 1886. Has been instructor in French at various colleges and universities including Dartmouth, Cornell, University of Pennsylvania and Williams. Head of Department of Romance Languages at Vanderbilt from 1925 to 1938. Presently engaged in writing a seven volume bibliography on French literature. Served overseas during World War I. Has written numerous books and resides at 530 East 23rd Street, New York City.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the fact that Cabeen has made serious allegations against high ranking American Legion officials particularly in regard to the Americanism Commission of the American Legion, it is recommended that we orally furnish the facts set forth in this memorandum to Mr. Lee Pennington, Director of the Americanism Commission of the American Legion on a most confidential basis.

gpa Done
5/11/54

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May 5, 1954

DETAILS

BACKGROUND:

In a letter dated April 21, 1954, and captioned the same as this memorandum, the New York Office advised that Dr. David Clark Cabeen telephonically contacted that office on March 23 and stated that he was desirous of making certain information available. He was interviewed by an Agent of the New York Office on March 25, 1954. Cabeen advised in interview that he resides at 530 East 23rd Street and is retired. He was a former professor at the University of Nebraska and other schools. Although he is presently retired, Cabeen related he is working on a seven-volume book series which will be a French bibliography. He also related that he is listed in Who's Who in America.

Cabeen stated that he is a member of the Seventh Regiment Post of the American Legion, Armory, New York City, and is presently Chairman of the Americanism Committee of the New York County organization of the American Legion, 500 Park Avenue, New York 22, New York.

Cabeen related the following to the New York Office:

Louis J. Naftalison of 440 East 23rd Street, New York 10, New York, is an attorney employed by the New York State Labor Arbitration Bureau. Naftalison is a Vice Commander of the New York County organization of the American Legion and is a past commander of the General Duffy Post, Peter Cooper Village, New York City. Cabeen stated he feels that Naftalison is the "hatchet man" for the Anti-Defamation League. Cabeen further stated Naftalison in his own American Legion Post has attacked the national operations of the American Legion on Americanism as expressed in "The Firing Line" as being un-American. Cabeen stated Naftalison also attacked his program of Americanism in the county organization.

Cabeen believes that Naftalison possibly has infiltrated and rose in the ranks of the Legion in order to influence and change policies. Cabeen feels that Naftalison could be a hidden Communist, but what he, Naftalison, is attempting to do is more dangerous than what a Communist could do, for on the surface Naftalison is not a Communist.

Cabeen related in 1952 a reported Communist, name unknown, had attempted to join the General Duffy Post and

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Naftalison as Commander had objected and went to court to prove a Communist can not be a Legionnaire and to bar this reported Communist from membership. Cabeen related that all the New York City newspapers carried this matter and Cabeen feels that Naftalison might have done this in order to establish an anti-Communist position.

Cabeen could not definitely state what Naftalison's policies are, for he says he is a very clever man. However, in general, Cabeen stated Naftalison is against the national Americanism policy of the American Legion. At meetings of the county organization Naftalison objects, forces laws, and attempts to postpone any steps the county organization might contemplate taking in regard to their Americanism program.

Cabeen further stated that Francis Herbert, Commander of the General Duffy Post, 1953, and James Donovan, who is active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, believe that Naftalison has possibly infiltrated the Legion in order to change its policies. Cabeen stated that Naftalison as Vice Commander is next in line to be Commander of the county organization.

Cabeen stated that Brigadier General Robert Condon of the Air Force is the unofficial boss of the American Legion in New York City and that he and others intend to see that Condon does not nominate Naftalison to be Commander and if Condon is going to nominate Naftalison, Cabeen stated they are going to go to the Pentagon in order to stop it.

Cabeen stated another person who could be a hidden Communist in the Legion is Murray H. Resni-Coff, who resides at 390 First Avenue, New York 10, New York, and who is presently Counselor for veterans in the Welfare Office of the American Legion, Room 809, 500 Park Avenue, New York City.

Cabeen stated Resni-Coff is presently the Vice Chairman of the Americanism Committee of the county organization and is past Commander of United Manhattan Post Number Nine. Cabeen stated he feels that Resni-Coff's objective is to defeat the policies of the Legion on Americanism as defined in "The Firing Line." For example, Cabeen stated the American Legion is 100 per cent behind the policies of the New York "Journal American" and the Hearst papers in regard to Americanism and that Resni-Coff would be one that would be against the policies of the "Journal American" and the Hearst papers concerning Americanism.

Cabeen stated that Resni-Coff is a troublemaker and sabotages the American Legion objectives on Americanism.

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Cabeen placed Resni-Coff in the same category as Naftalison. Cabeen stated that Resni-Coff is a firm supporter of New York Senator Lehman and nominated Lehman to receive the 1954 Americanism Award of the American Legion. Cabeen stated his candidate for the 1954 Americanism Award of the Legion is J. B. Matthews, former chief investigator with Senator Joseph McCarthy.

Cabeen stated that Meyer Poses, 11 West 42nd Street, New York City, who resides at 441 East 20th Street, New York 10, New York, is present Commander of the General Duffy Post and a Vice Chairman on the Americanism Committee of the county organization. Cabeen stated that he did not believe Poses is a Communist, but that he is a "New York Post Liberal" and an "American For Democratic Action type of fellow," who Cabeen feels should not represent the American Legion on a policy level. Cabeen did not feel that Poses is 100 per cent behind the Americanism program of the American Legion.

Cabeen furnished the name of Harry Simon, 1441 Broadway, New York City, as presently being a member of the Americanism Committee of the New York County organization. Cabeen stated that Simon shouts insults at the meeting and generally obstructs the objectives of the Americanism Committee. He did not believe that Simon is a Communist.

Cabeen in conclusion stated that he had no legal evidence against any of the foregoing persons, but it is a feeling of his, as a result of being in contact with them in the Legion. Cabeen related that he and other members felt it was not beyond the realm of possibility that certain persons might try to influence the policies of the Legion.

Cabeen was advised that this Bureau is always interested in receiving information concerning Communists, but by an Executive Order of the Attorney General of the United States is precluded from making any information available to nongovernmental organizations.

The following information, contained in the New York Office, relative to the individuals mentioned above appears to be identifiable with them.

Louis J. Naftalison

A clipping from the "New York Herald Tribune," a daily newspaper, on February 16, 1949, related that Sidney Reiter resigned as a member of the General Duffy Post Number 144 of

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the American Legion after he admitted he was a Communist. The case against Reiter began in 1946 when Louis J. Naftalison said he saw Reiter distributing copies of the "Daily Worker."

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Hearings before a Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Appendix, Part 9, Page 1133, reflect that an undated exhibit of the Lawyers' Security League, 38 Park Row, New York, New York, listed Meyer Poses, not otherwise identified, as Secretary of the organization.

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INFORMATION IN BUREAU FILES:

The four individuals against whom Cabeen made allegations are not identifiable in Bureau files.

Dr. David Clark Cabeen

Bufiles reflect the following concerning Cabeen. In 1937 the Laboratory did some document examination work at the

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request of the Memphis Office in connection with some threatening letters which had been sent to various individuals by one David C. Cabeen, Professor of Foreign Languages at Vanderbilt University. This case was handled by the Nashville Police Department who had arrested Dr. Cabeen for sending these letters. Dr. Cabeen initially denied that he was the sender but subsequently stated that if he were not prosecuted on charges growing out of these letters, he would see to it personally that no further such letters were sent. As a result of this matter, Dr. Cabeen was dismissed by the Chancellor of Vanderbilt University. The letters threatened various individuals in Nashville because their dogs and children annoyed the writer who did not identify himself in these letters. (9-2954)

During 1950 considerable investigation was conducted in the case entitled "Stephen Laird." Stephen Laird is an American writer believed to be a Russian espionage agent. One of his contacts was one Helen Deutsch. A confidential informant of the New York Office advised that while Miss Deutsch was staying at the Hotel Marguery in New York City in November and December of 1949, she contacted one D. C. Cabeen of 530 East 23rd Street, New York City. (65-58367-157)

On April 28, 1953, we initiated investigation in the case "Violet Abbott Cabeen aka. Mrs. David Clark Cabeen, Loyalty of the Employees of the United Nations and other Public International Organizations." Investigation in this case was completed on June 9, 1953, and failed to reflect any derogatory information concerning Mrs. Cabeen.

Investigation in this case by the Memphis Office was negative as regards a criminal record. On the administrative page of the Memphis Office report, there was considerable information set forth regarding Dr. Cabeen's trouble in 1937. Individuals interviewed recalled that Dr. Cabeen in 1937 had a nervous breakdown, took leave of absence from the Vanderbilt University and then had some trouble in his neighborhood. One Mrs. John Conner, who was one of the individuals threatened by an anonymous letter in 1937, was interviewed and stated no charges were ever filed against Dr. Cabeen. She stated that Dr. Cabeen gave her \$300 and she signed a release for him. She stated that she understood that Chester Borum, the detective who allegedly arrested Dr. Cabeen in 1937, was given a \$40 suit of clothes to "forget the whole thing" which he apparently did. Investigation at Vanderbilt University failed to reflect that Dr. Cabeen was dismissed from his position. (188-256)

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Who's Who in America:

Who's Who in America reflects that David Clark Gabeen was born at Baraboo, Wisconsin, June 24, 1886. He received his A.B. Degree from Syracuse University in 1908, an A.M. Degree from Cornell University in 1919, and a Ph.D. Degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1923.

He was an instructor in French at Dartmouth College from 1915 to 1916 and at Cornell University from 1916 to 1919 and at the University of Pennsylvania from 1919 to 1923. He was Assistant Professor of French at Williams College from 1923 to 1925, head of the Department of Romance Languages at Vanderbilt University from 1925 to 1938, Acting Professor of French at the University of Cincinnati 1938 and visiting Professor of French at the University of Nebraska 1939 to 1941.

He has been editor of "A Critical Bibliography of French Literature" since 1941 (7 volumes, 2 volumes published 1947-1951).

He was a member of the Seventh Infantry, New York National Guard, from 1913 to 1915. He served with the American Ambulance Corps in France in 1916 and served with the United States Army in France and Italy during 1917 and 1918.

He is a member of the Modern Language Association, Phi Gamma Delta and the American Legion.

He has written numerous books and resides at 530 East 23rd Street, New York City.

May 21, 1954

Honorable Arthur Connell
National Commander
The American Legion
308 K Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Connell:

Following the National Executive Committee meeting of the American Legion in Indianapolis, Special Agent Herman O. Bly advised me of your very kind comments at the conclusion of his remarks.

I can assure you it was a pleasure indeed to make Mr. Bly available to speak off-the-record to those in attendance.

We of the FBI certainly appreciate the vigorous manner in which the American Legion has dedicated itself over the years to combating the menace of Communism in the United States. The aid and assistance which the American Legion has extended the FBI has been a real source of encouragement and a bulwark to our efforts.

I appreciate very much the kind compliments which you paid the Bureau and my administration of it at the conclusion of Mr. Bly's remarks.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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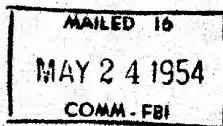
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THE AMERICAN LEGION

WASHINGTON OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER
1608 K STREET, N.W., WASHINGTON 6, D.C.

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Mr. Nichols
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Glavin
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Mr. Rosen
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By letter dated 5-10-54 Mr. [unclear] invited the Director to be the guest speaker at the National Convention of the American Legion on August 30, 1954. Declined by letter of 5-17-54, stating Director would be out of the city during this period.

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May 21, 1954

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am indeed sorry to hear that you will be unable to be with us at our National Convention. I know that I speak for all the Legionnaires when I say that your presence will be sorely missed. However, I certainly can understand how crowded your schedule must be and I hope you will be able to be with us on some future occasion.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Arthur J. Connell

ARTHUR J. CONNELL
National Commander

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TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: May 20, 1954

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: *STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS APPLICABLE TO
 TREASON, ESPIONAGE, SABOTAGE AND SEDITION
 FORMER INSPECTOR LEE PENNINGTON
 THE AMERICAN LEGION AMERICANISM COMMISSION

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At 10:20 a.m., 5/17/54, Wick in my office received a call from former Inspector Lee Pennington. Pennington said that Senator Butler of Maryland has introduced Senate Bill S.2800 which increases to 15 years the Statute of Limitations applicable to treason, espionage, sabotage, sedition and subversive activities. The bill is now pending in the Judiciary Committee of the Senate (introduced in the Senate 1/22/54) and hearings on it may be held soon.

Pennington said the National Legislative Director of The American Legion will in all probability be called to testify during the hearings.

It would be much appreciated, said Pennington, inasmuch as The American Legion is in favor of S.2800 passage, if the Director could "off the record" inform Pennington just how the Bureau feels about extending the Statute on these offenses to 15 years. Also, said Pennington, he would like to have the names of several individuals who were not prosecuted but who could have been had S.2800 been in effect during the war years.

Pennington went on to say The American Legion is much in favor of S.2800 but has no cogent reason to support the bill in view of its lack of information on who could be, or could have been, prosecuted had the Statute not run on such persons.

Pennington said the National Legislative Director of The American Legion would use the information furnished him by the Bureau as ammunition in his testimony on behalf of the bill but would not, of course, attribute it to FBI sources.

We have not submitted to the Department any views expressing the Bureau's position on a proposed 15-year Statute of Limitations involving treason, espionage, sabotage, sedition and subversive activities. To ascertain the identity of the individuals who could have been prosecuted would entail considerable research.

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cc - Mr. Boardman
 cc - Mr. Belmont
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RE: STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS APPLICABLE TO
TREASON, ESPIONAGE, SABOTAGE AND SEDITION
FORMER INSPECTOR LEE PENNINGTON
THE AMERICAN LEGION AMERICANISM COMMISSION

May 20, 1954

RECOMMENDATION:

I think Pennington should be advised that this is a legislative matter and, of course, as he well knows, it has been the Director's policy over the years to not comment on matters of a legislative nature and therefore we cannot offer him any assistance. With respect to the names of individuals who could have been prosecuted under a 15-year Statute of Limitations, it is suggested that Pennington be told that, of course, this is a policy matter for Departmental determination and again we cannot help him.

Pennington was so
advised 5/25/54.

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Mr. Lee R. Fennington
Director
Americanism Commission
The American Legion
1608 K Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Dear Lee:

With reference to our conversation regarding
Norman Ely's remarks before the National Executive Committee
of the American Legion in Indianapolis, you will recall that
Mr. Ely spoke with the understanding that it would be off-the-
record.

I thoroughly concur with you that Mr. Ely
made a very fine presentation. But in view of the conditions
under which Mr. Ely spoke, we cannot accede to your request
to have his remarks printed in the digest. There will be no
objection to merely pointing out that Mr. Ely spoke off-the-
record. I know that you will understand the situation.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely,

J. W. B. Nichols

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
INDIANAPOLIS 6, IND.

MEMORANDUM TO: WM. F. HAUCK,
DIRECTOR, WASHINGTON OFFICE

(4) May 17, 1954

Attached is the report of Herman O. Bly. If it is all right to carry any of this in the printed digest of minutes, will you let us know as soon as possible.

Hank
HENRY H. DUDLEY, National Adjutant

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Will you follow them on this place?
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REPORT OF HERMAN O. SLY
Special Agent, FBI, to the
National Executive Committee,
The American Legion, May 2, 1954

Metcalf, Mahan, Mahan & Connor
Fletcher Trust Building, Indianapolis
Shorthand Reporters

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: May 21, 1954

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: American - National

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There is attached hereto a transcript of Supervisor Herman O. Bly's address on Communism before the Executive Committee of the American Legion in Indianapolis which Mr. Pennington has handed me. Mr. Bly, from his address, did a very good job. His remarks were proper throughout. At the conclusion, the National Commander of the American Legion, Arthur J. Connell, complimented Bly on his presentation and observed that as the Director and Bly appreciated, the American Legion has been in the forefront of the fight against Communist for years and will continue to cooperate with the Bureau. He expressed his appreciation to Bly and asked him to extend his compliments to "your very fine and efficient boss, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover."

Mr. Bly, of course, went to Indianapolis with the understanding that his address would be off-the-record. Pennington stated he saw nothing in the remarks that had not been used before in one way or another, and he could see no objection to publishing it in the digest of the minutes of the meeting. I told Lee at the time that Bly went out with the understanding he would speak off-the-record, and I did not see how we could do this, but I would be glad to read it over and contact him further.

As a matter of principle, I do not think we should accede to Mr. Pennington's request that they print Mr. Bly's remarks and I have so advised Mr. Pennington by a personal note since he is out of town. I am also attaching a note to Mr. Bly commending him for a good job and to the National Commander for his remarks.

cc: Mr. Jones

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: June 8, 1954

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION PERSONALITIES

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Sizoo	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

At the invitation of former Inspector Lee Pennington, DeLoach attended a luncheon meeting of the Post-Mortem Club on June 8, 1954. The Post-Mortem Club is made up of past officials of The American Legion and has in its membership various Congressmen and Senators, the head of the Veterans Administration, Federal Communications Commission and other individuals. Mr. Pennington made a brief talk at the luncheon meeting at which time he praised the FBI and introduced DeLoach to the assembled group.

Mr. Pennington additionally had as his guest Lou Brissie, Commissioner of American Legion Baseball, and Dr. Alfred J. Suraci, well known plastic surgeon.

Following the luncheon, Mr. Brissie, who is a former professional baseball great and a World War II veteran, and Dr. Suraci accepted DeLoach's invitation for a tour of FBI facilities. Following their tour they were most commendable in their praise of the FBI.

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June 21, 1954

Mr. Lou Brissie
Commissioner
American Legion Junior Baseball
National Headquarters
The American Legion
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Mr. Brissie:

Inspector C. D. DeLoach has informed me concerning your recent tour of our facilities of the FBI here in Washington and of the many commendatory remarks you made concerning our work during your tour. Needless to say, I am most appreciative of your remarks and of your interest in the FBI.

I am also advised that you desire a statement from me relative to the participation in athletics on the part of young boys. I am happy to be of service to you in this regard and sincerely hope that the following statement is along the line you have in mind:

"The excess energy inherent in every normal, healthy child must inevitably be burned up in some type of activity. If that energy can be directed into constructive channels, the path to potential delinquency may be blocked effectively. For this reason, it is my belief that the value of athletics as a builder of citizens must be emphasized. Not only does the field of athletics afford an opportunity to burn energy which might otherwise be put to less wholesome use, but it also offers a fine opportunity for our youth to learn the code of 'fair play' so basic to our form of free government."

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Mr. Lou Brasic

Please feel free to call upon us at any time
we may be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Major Moore

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• UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: June 21, 1954

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT: STATEMENT FROM DIRECTOR FOR
AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL PROGRAM

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Glavin	✓
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Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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Lou Brissie, a former Cleveland Indians pitcher and now Commissioner of Junior League Baseball for the American Legion, has contacted DeLoach relative to the Director issuing a statement concerning the value of athletics for young boys. Brissie indicated that a statement from a man of Mr. Hoover's stature would be of inestimable value to him in carrying on his duties as Commissioner of Junior League Baseball in the American Legion. He was advised that this matter would be discussed with the Director and that he would be contacted later.

There appears to be no objections to issuing a statement to Brissie to be used for the above-mentioned purpose. Files contain no information regarding Brissie and it was observed that during a recent tour of the Bureau taken by him, he appeared to be a very clean-cut individual who admired the FBI and its work very much.

The following statement is recommended:

"The excess energy inherent in every normal healthy child must inevitably be burned up in some type of activity. If that energy can be directed into constructive channels, the path to potential delinquency may be blocked effectively. For this reason, it is my belief that the value of athletics as a builder of citizens must be emphasized. Not only does the field of athletics afford an opportunity to burn energy which might otherwise be put to less wholesome use, but it also offers a fine opportunity for our youth to learn the code of 'fair play' so basic to our form of free government."

ACTION:

There is attached a letter to Mr. Brissie which includes the statement as mentioned above.

cc - Mr. Jones

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THE AMERICAN LEGION

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

700 NORTH PENNSYLVANIA ST.—P. O. BOX 1055
INDIANAPOLIS 6, IND.

June 29, 1954

IN REPLY REFER
TO DATE AND NO. 65122-65

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I am sorry for the delay in replying to your letter of June 21st, but I have been out of town attending the National Federation of State High School Athletic Associations Convention.

My visit and tour of your facilities was most enjoyable. Inspector DeLoach was most considerate in conducting me during my tour.

We of The American Legion feel that through our program we can render more service to the youth of our country. I have only been associated with our National program the last three months, and I can say truthfully that I am much more impressed with its importance than I was in the past. I only hope that we will be able to make improvements that should contribute even more to the young people and the good of our country.

Your statement concerning the participation of young boys in athletics is certainly appreciated. It was considerate of you to take time out from a busy schedule to get this to us. I am hoping to use this in an article concerning the effect of athletics on the lives of young men.

Again let me thank you and if I can ever be of any service, please don't hesitate to call.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Louis Brissie *Inv?*
LOUIS BRISSE, Commissioner
American Legion Junior Baseball

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Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tolson
Mr. S.
Mr. W. M. Crowley
Tele. Room
Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Tolson *per DS*

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

G. P. R. June 29, 1954

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1/26/54

As you know the American Legion convention will be held in Washington the end of August. We can anticipate problems in connection with tours. While I have never seen a Legion convention, from all reports the boys have a good time. The question comes up on tours.

Whenever we try to handle more than 3,000 people a day we simply do not put our best foot forward. It is known that in cities where the Legion conventions have been held in previous years, hotels for example cleared out the lobbies as a matter of self protection. I doubt that we should close the Bureau to tourists, however, I do feel that we should take tours only to the limit of our capacity. In this connection, Orville Crouch, who is getting up a booklet for the Legion convention, inquired if it would be satisfactory to list the FBI tour in a booklet being printed by Coca Cola as souvenirs for the American Legion convention. I can see no objection to this/think that he should also point out that our facilities are limited and visitors will be taken to the capacity of our facilities at which time there will either have to be a wait or else visitors will have to return at some other time.

cc - Mr. Jones
 cc - Tour Room

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I concur.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

DATE: June 30, 1954

FROM : L. B. Nichols *MP*

SUBJECT: TOUR OF THE FBI
 9:00 a.m., July 28, 1954
"BOYS STATE" REPRESENTATIVES

Tolson
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Lee Pennington called by my office on June 30, 1954. Lee Pennington called by my office on June 30, 1954. He advised that the American Legion is playing host on July 28, 1954, to approximately 96 boys from the 48 states throughout the country. These boys have been selected as the most outstanding young men in their communities. They have attended state encampments sponsored by the American Legion and are now being honored with a tour of Washington.

Lee desires to bring this group to the Bureau at 9:00 a.m., July 28, 1954. He requested that a tour be given them and that following the tour, the boys be allowed to assemble in one of our classrooms in the Training Division where a short talk could be afforded them by a representative of the FBI. The classroom talk will last approximately fifteen minutes.

You will recall that we have done this same thing for several years. We have had a healthy response as a result of showing these youngsters through the FBI.

It is my recommendation that we afford this group the same courtesy as always, and that DeLoach and Special Agent Hanning be designated to meet with the boys in one of our classrooms and give brief talks to them at that time. You have previously approved both DeLoach and Hanning to work with the American Legion.

Pennington desired to know if the boys could meet with the Director. He was advised that it was not known as to whether the Director would be in town on that particular date or not; however, that most certainly the Director would know of his request.

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ACTION: As recommended above.

cc: Mr. Holloman
 Mr. Jones
 Mr. Morgan

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 To advise
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*If here I will see you at 11:00 a.m.
 Early afternoon the
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EX-129 Mr. Lee D. Pennington
Director
National Americanism Commission
The American Legion
1603 L Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Dear Lee:

It was indeed kind of you to write me on July 1, 1954. As you suggested, I will be happy to make Inspector C. D. De Loach available to confer with members of the National Americanism Commission and the Convention Americanism Committee during your convention being held in Washington the last two days of August and the first two days of September. He will also be present when the National Americanism Commission meets in Indianapolis, Indiana. Please be sure to let us know when the date for that meeting has been arranged.

Inspector De Loach, I know, is looking forward to conferring with your fellow members.

May I also take this opportunity to thank you for your note of July 2, 1954, advising me of the letter you received from Mr. W. L. DeVecese. Both Special Agent Donald G. Hanning and I are grateful for his generous comments.

Sincerely,

E. J. Murphy

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cc - With copy of incoming of 7-1-54, Inspector C. D. De Loach,
Room 5636.

cc - Personnel file of Mr. D. G. Hanning, with copy of
incoming of 7-2-54.

NOTE: Donald G. Hanning, EOD as SA on 1-6-47; he is GS-13,
assigned Crime Records Section.

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OFFICE OF THE
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THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION
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1608 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Nichols
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July 1, 1954

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Due to the fact that Inspector C. D. DeLoach is handling the liaison between the Federal Bureau of Inspection and The American Legion, it would be very much appreciated if you would make him available to confer with members of the Americanism Commission and the Convention Americanism Committee at the time of our National Convention here in Washington which will be held on the last two days of August and the first two of September.

It is further requested that at such times as the Americanism Commission meets in Indianapolis within 45 days after the close of the National Convention, that Inspector DeLoach be assigned to meet with the Americanism Commission and likewise become acquainted with the top officials of the National Executive Committee.

Assuring you of my appreciation of your cooperation,
I am

Sincerely yours,

Lee

Lee R. Pennington, Director
National Americanism Commission

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION
INDIANAPOLIS, IN.
1608 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Boardman
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Strode
Mr. W. Burrowd
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Mr. Holloman
Miss Gandy

July 2, 1954

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am in receipt of a letter dated June 25 from W. L. DeWeese, Director, Junior Activities, The American Legion of Ohio, informing me that Don Hanning "did a grand job and we very much appreciated his being at Boys' State."

I thought you would like to know that Don did an excellent job for the Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

Lee
Lee R. Pennington, Director
National Americanism Commission

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July 19, 1954

Mr. James F. O'Neil
Publisher
American Legion Magazine
580 Fifth Avenue
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. O'Neil:

I am most appreciative of the invitation you extended me through Mr. Lee Pennington on July 15, 1954, to be the principal speaker at the New Jersey State American Legion Convention to be held at Wildwood, New Jersey, on September 10, 1954. It has always been a source of great pleasure for me to accept engagements of this nature; however, as of late, I have been forced to decline all speaking engagements for the near future in view of the heavy pressure of my official duties.

I am sure that you will understand my inability to accept your kind invitation. I have advised Mr. Pennington separately of the fact that I regrettably will not be able to be with you on the date mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. William F. Norton, Jr.
Attorney and Counsellor at Law
122 Wickham Avenue
Middletown, New York

Dear Mr. Norton:

Thank you very much for your letter of July 7,
1954, with enclosure.

It was indeed kind of you to send me the newspaper story concerning the speech which Mr. George F. Roosch gave before the Orange County American Legion Convention. I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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WILLIAM F. NORTON, JR.
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW
122 WICKHAM AVENUE
MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK

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July 7, 1954

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Upon my return to Middletown after a business trip I came upon the enclosed news item in the Middletown Times-Herald of June 28, 1954.

George F. Roesch, one of the outstanding attorneys in Orange County was extremely helpful to me in confidential inquiries as resident agent for the Bureau at Middletown. He has always been a firm supporter of you in your great work as Director of the F. B. I. I might therefore suggest that a complimentary letter from you referring to his speech at the Orange County American Legion Convention would be a practical way of returning some of the courtesies the Bureau has received from him.

Sincerely,

William F. Norton
WILLIAM F. NORTON, JR.

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Roesch Speaker On Communism at Legion Meeting

WEST POINT — The deceptive newly coined outcry against "guilt by association" is just another instance of communist strategy trying to distort and pervert American safeguards against unfounded accusations, George F. Roesch, Middletown attorney, said in his address before the Orange County American Legion Convention at Hotel Thayer, West Point yesterday. Mr. Roesch spoke on "The Legion's Part in National Security."

Some well meaning but misguided American citizens have fallen for communist suggestions under the guise of free-thinking and free speech Mr. Roesch said. "Communism is a fanatical zealot's creed — a way of thinking and doing that is more fanatical than any religious cult ever was or could be. It is based on the concept that all existing government must first be destroyed to make way for the Marxist creed that man exists only as a tool of the state," he told the assemblage that gathered for the election of officers.

Victor E. DeMouth of Warwick was named commander of the Orange County American Legion. Other officers presented by the nominating committee and elected unanimously were Vincent A. Cahill of Newburgh; Harry Silvers of Port Jervis and Daniel Mallon of Montgomery, vice commanders; Samuel Hollings of Middletown, treasurer; and Charles Croopin of Port Jervis, chaplain.

Mr. Roesch who was the guest speaker after the election and dinner, suggested in his speech four points to fight communism: First, the communist party should be outlawed as a political party in the United States; second, the abuses of the privilege of invoking the fifth amendment should be corrected; third, the Statute of Limitations should be amended so that it cannot be invoked to defeat prosecution against any one indicted for treason or any crime involving conspiracy to overthrow our government; and fourth, the use of evidence procured by wire tapping should be permitted in all cases involving treason, acts of subversion or conspiracy to commit acts of treason or subversion against the government.

"It has been said that the communist hates the American Legion, and no doubt these four remedies would increase that hatred," Mr. Roesch asserted.

The convention passed resolutions calling for continued investigations of communism until all subversives are rooted out and calling upon New York State to outlaw the communist party as a political party.

ENCLOSURE

94-1-17998-1077

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: 7/8/54

X FROM : The Executives Conference

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Present at the Executives Conference July 7, 1954, were Messrs. Tolson, Mohr, Trotter, Parsons, J. E. Edwards, Hennrich, Boardman, Rosen and Mason.

The Conference considered a suggestion received earlier by the Director relating to special programs of the Bureau and the solution proposed by the suggester is set forth along with the problem as he sees it.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

I. Some agents in the field seem to think that the special programs of the Bureau constitute a problem. By this is meant they are of the opinion these programs take too much of their time away from their investigative work.

A. When referring to special programs they include:

- 1. American Legion Program
- 2. Firearms Program
- 3. Police School Programs
- 4. In-Service Program
- 5. Office Conference Program.

B. Again, it is not any one program they complain of so much as they do the accumulative effects of all these programs on their work. They seem to think that some could be eliminated and others curtailed; that they all do not justify an agent's time as they now stand.

POSSIBLE SOLUTION

A. The sponsors, supporters and participants in all special programs rarely ever want to see them eliminated or curtailed. Of course, we all know there is this difficulty.

cc: Mr. Harbo
Mr. Sizoo

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1. On the contrary, they probably prefer to see them expanded and can think up different reasons for so doing.
2. At the same time, we don't want to eliminate or curtail the essentials. //

The Conference did not feel that in view of the death of 2 Agents within the past 2 years the firearms program could be curtailed any more than it was a month ago. At that time the number of shoots were reduced and the Training and Inspection Division proposed field firearms training which would combine maximum shooting with minimum time involved.

The Conference did not see how the police training program of the FBI could be curtailed particularly in view of a recent re-evaluation by the Executives Conference and emphasis to the field in the form of SAC letters that we conduct police schools only when requested to do so and that there shall be no solicitation for such schools. It was further agreed by the Conference that many benefits result to the FBI from the police school program.

The Conference did not see how it would be possible to further curtail the office conference program. The office conference program is divided into 2 parts: A semiannual conference for each Agent and a separate semiannual conference for each noninvestigative employee; an annual conference with the heads of law enforcement agencies and a separate annual law enforcement conference on a specific topic, which is this year Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property. The Conference unanimously felt, however, that it would be desirable to communicate with the field and obtain their views as to benefits derived from these programs and conferences and an appropriate SAC Letter is attached.

The Conference unanimously recommended the field be asked to submit its views regarding the benefits currently obtained under the American Legion Program and their recommendations as to whether this program should be continued. The Domestic Intelligence Division is very much in favor of continuing the American Legion Program which began in 1950 and was established primarily for the purpose of keeping the American Legion from conducting its own investigations in the security field.

Although it was believed by the Conference that a number of cases have been reported to the FBI by Legionnaires and much good will has resulted from this contact program, it is the desire of the Conference to obtain more specific facts as to actually how much good will has resulted from this contact and whether it is commensurate with the expense. The bulk of the American Legion Program is now over and within recent months streamlining devices have been designed. For example, a number of posts have been designated as rural so that it is only necessary to contact either the adjutant or the post commander and it is not necessary to make other contacts in those posts; the submitting of annual reports to the Bureau rather than quarterly as in the past, a technique recently approved by the Director, and the program now is principally one of contacting newly elected officials (elections held once a year) and annually making a telephone contact with those informants previously established. Upon receipt of views from the field, this program will be analyzed and reconsidered by the Executives Conference.

The Conference unanimously felt that the views of the field should be obtained as to the desirability of continuing the plant informant program. We develop informants in those plants handling classified contracts for any branch of the Armed Forces and in those plants believed by the SAC to be vital facilities. The benefits of this program aside from its strictly insurance value in time of emergency will be re-evaluated.

The In-Service program for Agents has been made the topic of a separate memorandum which is being submitted separately to the Director.

It will be noted that the suggester felt that the sponsors, supporters and participators in all special programs rarely ever want to see them eliminated or curtailed and it was agreed by the Conference that the inspection staff has been ruthless in trying to curtail programs and has submitted a number of suggestions to the Conference as to curtailment. The recent curtailment of the American Legion and plant informant programs were results of Inspectors' views.

An appropriate SAC letter is attached.

Respectfully,
For the Conference

Clyde Tolson

July 20, 1954

~~Mr. Harry N. Gambrel~~

~~Kansas City, Missouri~~

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Dear Mr. Gambrel:

It was a pleasure meeting you, the young men of Boys' Nation and the other American Legion representatives during your visit to FBI Headquarters on July 28, 1954.

Enclosed is a photograph taken while you were in my office.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

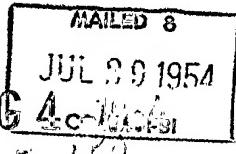
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: July 29, 1954

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: BOYS' NATION
SPECIAL TOUR
JULY 28, 1954

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You will recall that the members of Boys' Nation, an organization sponsored by the American Legion, toured the Bureau and met the Director on July 28, 1954. Two photographs were taken in the Director's Office: one of the President and Vice President of Boys' Nation with the Director and the second in which these boys, the Director, former Inspector Lee Pennington, now with the American Legion, and three other legionnaires appear.

A sufficient number of photographs have been prepared so that the two boys will receive one copy of each photograph and a group photograph may be forwarded to each of the other individuals in the photograph.

Attached are letters to the two boys and to the other individuals appearing in the photograph enclosing copies of the photographs.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Director autograph three photographs: one to Edward S. Perry, President of Boys' Nation; one to Richard Shore, Vice President; and one to Lee Pennington. Attached are letters transmitting these photographs.

2. That photographs be transmitted with the attached letters to other individuals appearing in the photograph but that they not be autographed by the Director.

Attachment sent 7-29-54

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July 20, 1954

Mr. Robert M. Marr
[redacted]
Albuquerque, New Mexico

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Dear Mr. Marr:

Enclosed is a photograph taken in my office during your visit to FBI Headquarters on July 20, 1954, which I thought you might like to have.

Sincerely yours,

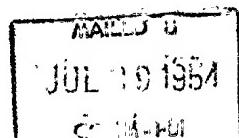
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Boy's Nation President, Ike Exchange Pins and Puns.

The President of the United States and the president of the Boys Nation exchanged puns and pins yesterday, and Mr. Eisenhower's wardrobe was increased by one T-shirt.

While the 94 American Legion Boys Nation delegates crowded around President Eisenhower in the White House rose garden, their president, Edward S. Perry, 17, of Bay St. Louis, Miss., presented a white and gold honorary membership pin and a medium-sized T-shirt to the Chief Executive.

Mr. Eisenhower held the blue and white shirt to his shoulders, chuckled and said: "One thing about it—it will fit my grandson, but it won't fit me."

A voice in the crowd of youths said: "You can play golf with it."

Later the President commented, "If I meet your successors next year, maybe I can wear your shirt."

Noting that the Boys Nation president is from Mississippi and its vice president, Richard S. Shore, 17, is a Coloradan, Mr. Eisenhower grinned and asked, "How did you ever work that out?"

Perry replied, "We compromised."

The President asked Perry, who was elected Monday, "You are just starting to serve—do you know what you are in for?"

A Legionnaire accompanying the boys shouted, "You've got a lot of farmers here."

"Well, I'm getting back into that," the President answered, apparently referring to his farm at Gettysburg, Pa.

The President asked the boys

whether they had been sightseeing and had visited Mount Vernon. One lad answered, "Yes, and the White House, too."

Earlier, the boys spent the morning at the Pentagon, where they were greeted by Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson, Admiral Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, Army Chief of Staff; Admiral Robert E. Carney, chief of naval operations; Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd, Marine Corps commandant; Lieut. Gen. Emmett (Rosie) O'Donnell, Air Force deputy chief of staff, and Army Lieut. Gen. Lemuel Matthewson, Joint Staff director.

"Don't be complacent about your school system," Carney warned. The schools' output of technically trained men "needs to be stepped up in quantity and quality," he said.

Carney predicted an atomic submarine would someday circumnavigate the globe without surfacing and that nuclear power plants would be adapted "to virtually every type ship."

O'Donnell said that the Russians, "a plundering, murderous lot . . . think we'll go to any extreme to avoid fighting them. It's high time they learned differently." Our best defense, he said, is to "show a willingness to fight and a willingness to go to any honorable extreme to avoid fighting."

The Boys' Nation delegates, from every state except Rhode Island, are in Washington for a week. Among them is Mike Durfee, 17, of 4814 N. 15th St., Arlington, governor of Virginia Boys' State.

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President Eisenhower checks for size a
white sport shirt presented to him by Edward S. Perry, president of the American

Legion Boys Nation. "One thing about it," the President said, "it will fit my grandson, but it won't fit me."

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ENCLOSURE

July 29, 1954

Mr. Lee E. Pennington
Director
National Americanism Commission
The American Legion
1600 K Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Dear Lee:

It certainly was a pleasure seeing you, the young men of Boys' Nation and the other American Legion representatives in my office on July 23, 1954. I was surprised and highly honored when Mr. Edward Perry, President of Boys' Nation, presented me with the insignia pin and Boys' Nation tee shirt making me an honorary member of Boys' Nation.

Copies of the photographs taken while you were here are being forwarded to the individuals appearing in them, and two copies of each are being enclosed for your use. One photograph has been autographed to you.

Sincerely,

Enclosures (4)

NOTE: Two glossy 8x10 photographs being furnished Pennington for possible future use in American Legion publications. Pennington is in charge of Boys' Nation group which met the Director and toured the Bureau 7/28/54.

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July 29, 1954

Mr. Richard Shore

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Denver, Colorado

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Dear Mr. Shore:

It was a pleasure to meet you and the other representatives of Boys' Nation in my office on July 28, 1954.

Enclosed are two photographs taken while you were at FBI headquarters, and I have been pleased to autograph one to you.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure (2)

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of Shore. He is Vice President of Boys' Nation for 1954. Address per Shore.

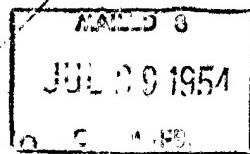
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: July 30, 1954

FROM : H. L. Edwards ✓

SUBJECT: AVAILABILITY OF ALL TOUR LEADERS FOR
AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION WEEK BEGINNING
AUGUST 30, 1954

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You will recall by memorandum dated July 19, 1954, Mr. Nichols advised the greatest number of visitors that the FBI tour facilities have ever had is anticipated during the week of the American Legion Convention. In this regard Mr. Nichols pointed out it is deemed essential that all qualified tour leaders be made available for tour duty on a 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. shift from Monday, August 30 to Friday September 3, 1954, and that leave and working schedules be so adjusted.

The following tour leaders assigned to the Administrative Division will be available for the tour duty set out above:

*Henry Curran
O. Eugene Smith
George Hughes*

Voucher Unit
Voucher Unit
Procurement and Supply Unit

The only other tour leader assigned to the Administrative Division is Warren Mathew assigned to the Mechanical Section who is being considered for an appointment to the New Agent's Class scheduled to convene August 9, 1954. In connection with George Hughes, it is noted he had contemplated taking annual leave on September 3, 1954. However, he will hold in abeyance his request for such leave pending a determination as to the need for his services in the Tour Room on that date. It is further noted that Hughes is attending summer school and has not had an opportunity to take extensive annual leave. This matter was discussed with Mr. Morgan who stated all possible consideration will be given to Hughes' request for annual leave on September 3, 1954, consistent with the needs of the Tour Room.

With regard to the American Legion Convention it is also noted that the Legion parade is scheduled to begin at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 31, and it will continue for about 8 hours. According to Mr. Nichol's memorandum of 7/19/54 President Eisenhower's office has indicated that Federal employees will be dismissed about 1:00 or 2:00 p.m. on August 31, in order to attend the parade. The necessary action will be taken to advise divisional heads at the Seat of Government as to the time the employees may be released to view

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the parade on August 31, 1954, when such information is available.

RECOMMENDATION:

None; the above is for record purposes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. P. M."

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